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Northern Network News

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## MSU-Northern Celebrates 67 Fall Semester Graduates



MSU-Northern conferred 89 degrees on 67 students who successfully completed their coursework this past fall semester (2019). Dr. Chad Spangler, Assistant Professor of Health Promotions, delivered a challenging speech entitled, "Don't Peak Early." He encouraged the graduates that this achievement was not the peak of their achievements but the start. He challenged them to continue to grow and excel throughout their entire life. The breakdown in the degrees was as follows:

- Certificates degrees 9
- Associates degrees 43
- Bachelors degrees 36
- Masters degrees 1

## MSU-Northern Student from Great Falls Earns Student Volunteer Scholarship

MSU-Northern's Ashly Graham was one of eleven students from across Montana to receive the 2020 George M. Dennison Civic Engagement Scholarship from the Montana Campus Compact (or "MTCC").

Graham, a non-traditional Community Leadership major from Great Falls, is a wife and mother who volunteers her time with the Hill County Community Foundation. She is assisting them with event planning, social media management, and website development. She also volunteers her time helping other students with photography, one of her passions.



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## MSU-Northern Complex Project Receives \$125K Gift

MSU-Northern's goal to complete phase one of a three-phase project just took a leap forward thanks to a \$125,000 contribution, the MSU-Northern Foundation announced on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.



Havre-area hotel owners, who are each members of the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID), approved the gift. The contribution by Havre TBID is a leadership gift that will be recognized at the stadium on the donor wall.

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## Torgerson's Donates Jackets to MSU-Northern's PAS Club



Torgerson's, a 4th generation Montana farm implement company, recently presented new members of Montana State University Northern's Professional Agricultural Students (PAS) Club with jackets. Torgerson's has been a big supporter of agricultural education in Montana and MSU-Northern for a number of years. PAS Club members and advisors offer a hearty thank you to Torgerson's for again supporting their club and agriculture.

Left to Right: Marty Haflinger with Torgerson's, PAS Advisor Brianna Bernhardt, PAS Club members, Sherry Brewster with Torgerson's, PAS Club Advisor Tom Welch - Photo by Larry Sasaki.

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## Civil Engineering Students Visit BLM's BR-12 Dam



Some of MSU-Northern's civil engineering students took a field trip to the site of the rebuild of Bureau of Land Management's BR-12 Dam. The BR-12 Dam and reservoir is located about five miles north of Zurich, Montana. It is a large Hazard Class Dam in North Blaine County, which failed a few years ago. Currently, Youderian Construction is rebuilding the Dam. Mike Montgomery and Brandie Folck, BLM Civil Engineers, gave the students a tour of the facility and facilitated an excellent discussion on soils and construction.

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## AAUW Welcomes New Members



The MSUN student chapter of AAUW held a new member reception on Tuesday, January 14, hosted by the Chancellor and his wife, Sherry Kegel. Each new member was nominated by an MSUN faculty or staff member, and must be in good standing as a student and have demonstrated leadership potential to be accepted. Chancellor Kegel congratulated the new members on joining the organization, and voiced his support for the chapter's mission to support women in higher education.

AAUW works diligently to improve the lives of women and their families across the nation. MSUN's student chapter focuses on community outreach, empowerment & mentoring, networking, and funding/scholarships. One of the chapter's goals for the spring semester is to launch a series of mentor "Lunch and Learns," some of which will be open to the community.

For more information about AAUW, visit [www.aauw.com](http://www.aauw.com). For chapter information, contact chapter advisors Dr. Valerie Guyant, Rachel Hutchison, or Amy Skryja.

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## MSU-Northern Expands Collaboration with Blackfeet Community College



Montana State University-Northern is collaborating on an exciting 2 + 2 business program with Blackfeet Community College (BFCC). On December 10, 2019, a team from MSU-Northern traveled to Browning to meet with the BFCC students, staff, and faculty. Dr. Neil Moisey, Provost; Dr. Dave Krueger, Dean of the COTS; Barbara Zuck, faculty; Dr. Steven Don, faculty; Laura Gomez, faculty; Cindy Small, Director of Financial Aid; Jason Geer, Office of Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Margaret Campbell, Director of American Indian Education represented MSU-Northern. Ten students have applied for admission and received advising for spring semester 2020. We welcome the new students to MSU-Northern and thank the staff at BFCC for strengthening partnerships with us.

## **New BBQ Helps Northern Celebrate the End of Fall Semester**

The welding, pipefitters, and plumbing students at Montana State University-Northern (MSUN) held a free barbecue lunch on December 9 for the MSUN campus community. Supervised by Chuck Terry, the students cooked hamburgers and hot dogs on their newly constructed grill.

According to Lorren Schlotfeldt, who teaches in the Apprenticeship Education Center at MSUN, the propane-fired grill, which also functions as a smoker, was hand-built by the welding and pipefitting students of MSUN. The grill's bonus feature, a warming box, keeps grilled items hot until serving time. Only the axles, wheels, hitch, and a small part of the propane system was purchased.

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## **Northern Alum Receives Community Impact Award**

Elizabeth Werk, agriculture agent at Fort Belknap Extension, was recently named the recipient of the inaugural Montana Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (MACDEP) Community Impact Award.

The award was announced at the annual MACDEP association meeting held during the 2019 Extension annual conference. She received the Community Impact Award for her exemplary extension work and for implementing a 4-H Fair in an area where none previously existed. MACDEP chose to recognize her efforts and the value they bring to building capacity, resiliency, and connections in her local community.

Elizabeth is a 2005 graduate of our M.S. Ed. Program in Learning and Development. Congratulations Elizabeth you make Northern Proud!

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## Cowboy Christmas Draws Large Crowd



Over 400 ranchers and rodeo fans came to the 20th Annual Cowboy Christmas fundraiser to support MSU-Northern's rodeo program. The evening featured an outstanding meal, 30 live-auction items and 45 silent-auction items, dancing, and door prizes. "We're very thankful the community comes out to support the MSU- Northern rodeo team. It's a great fun-filled night," said Rodeo Coach Doug Kallenberger.

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## Important Announcements

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### MSU-Northern Campus Closed Monday in Honor of Martin Luther King Day

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### Beware of Abbreviating the Year 2020

Coast's Information Security Officer warns about the habit of abbreviating the year when you sign documents or checks. For example, signing a document today and dating it with 1/8/20 could be problematic if someone else added numbers to the end of the year to make it 1/8/2019. This was less of an issue in previous years, as abbreviating 2019 as "19" could only be changed to a date in the 1900s, which was much more likely to be caught.

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# Upcoming Major Events

**CLASH OF THE UNIVERSITIES**  
**A FUNDRAISER FOR MSU-NORTHERN'S HOCKEY CLUB**

**JANUARY 18, 2020 | 7:00PM AT THE HAVRE ICE DOME**  
**\$10.00 Adults | \$5.00 Students & Children**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT VIC'S PLACE, PATRICK CONSTRUCTION,  
WESTERN DRUG & PHARMACY AND THE MSU-NORTHERN ATHLETICS OFFICE.**

## One Man, Two Guvnors

January 24-25 & 30-31 and February 1 & 6-8



Out-of-work musician Francis Henshall becomes separately employed by two men – Roscoe Crabbe, a gangster, and Stanley Stubbers, an upper class twit. Francis tries to keep the two from meeting, to avoid each of them learning about the other. Complicating events, Roscoe is really Rachel Crabbe in disguise, her twin brother Roscoe having been killed by her gangster boyfriend, Stanley. Complicating events still further is local mobster Charlie the Duck, who has arranged his daughter's engagement to Roscoe despite her



preference for an amateur actor. Even further complications are prompted by several letters, a very heavy trunk, several unlucky audience volunteers, an extremely elderly waiter and Francis' pursuit of his twin passions: Dolly (Charlie's feminist bookkeeper), and food.

[For Tickets...](#)

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## 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration Gala – Feb. 15



On February 15, 2020, we are hosting a unique 90th Celebration Gala at a very special venue on the campus of MSUN, our Diesel Technology Center. At this event, we will be celebrating the past, present, and future of the University and will provide a unique experience in this stunning venue. With live music, games, raffles, photo booth, and silent auction items, this surely is to be the event of the year! Cocktail attire is requested.

[For Tickets...](#)

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## Campus Calendar

### Saturday, January 18

- Library CLOSED
- Lights Wrestling @ Missouri Valley College Invite
- Skylights Basketball @ Montana Tech - 5:30 PM
- Lights Basketball @ Montana Tech- 7:30 PM

### Sunday, January 19

- Library CLOSED

## Monday, January 20

- Holiday ~ Martin Luther King Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed
- Library Hours for Martin Luther King Day - 1:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## Tuesday, January 21

- Last day to add \*AND\* to drop classes without receiving a "W" grade

## Wednesday, January 22

- Skylights Basketball vs Carroll College – 6:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs Carroll College - 8:00 PM

## Thursday, January 23

- Skylights Basketball vs University of Providence – 6:00 PM
- Lights Basketball vs University of Providence - 8:00 PM

## Friday, January 24

- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM

## Saturday, January 25

- Lights Wrestling @ Tyler Plummer Classic
- Havre Chamber Arctic Games Ice Fishing - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Winter Family Fun Event - 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- MAT presents: One Man, Two Guvnors - 8:00 PM
- Library open: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**TidBit**

By: William Lanier

**Thank you MSU-Northern  
Welcome to Spring Semester 2020!**



This past Saturday MSU-Northern hosted the 2020 Hi-Line District 8th Annual BSA Merit Badge College. This is where Scouts BSA take classes and earn/work on a variety of merit badges. After being held at the LDS Church in Havre for the past seven years we able to move it to MSU-Northern. We had

scouts from all over Montana including; Billings, Great Falls, Choteau, Shelby, Chester, Gilford, Big Sandy, and Havre.

One of the parents had this to say about their experience; “We appreciated that the classes were hands on and the instructors went through and accurately completed each of the requirements. We will definitely be telling others about the wonderful experience and unique opportunities the MSU-northern campus offered.”

Here is an excellent story by the Havre Daily News on the event:

<https://www.havredailynews.com/story/2020/01/13/local/scouts-come-to-northern-to-learn-for-merit-badges/527083.html>

I would like to thank the following Northern faculty for agreeing to teach merit badges at the 2020 Hi-Line District 8th Annual Merit Badge College: Trygve “Spike” Magelssen (Electricity), Dr. John Snider (Chess), Dr. Carol Reifschneider (Chemistry), Dr. Gary Succaw (Chemistry), Loren Schlofeldt (Plumbing), Kevin Ruby (Automotive Maintenance), Chuck Terry (Welding), and Jeremy Siemens (Engineering).

Additionally, I would like to thank the following community members for teaching at our Merit Badge College: Kristen Boyle (Environmental Science), Anthony Cammon (Coin Collecting), Randy Root (Fingerprinting), and Jerry Kuhn (Railroading).

Like with any event there are many others who assisted, and I would like to thank the following: Eva Stokes (Facility Services), Dan Ulmen (Facility Service), Sam Yeon (Facility Services), Dean David Krueger, Mary Brown, Becky Toth, Jim Potter, Jennifer Thompson, Heather Hummert, Charlotte Kelly, Nicholas Montagino, Conrad Heimbigner, and Kougar Lanier. A special thank you to Pacific Steel and Recycling for donating metal for the welding merit badge class.

My biggest thank you goes to Tammy Boles, MSU-Northern Student Activities Director. Without Tammy’s assistance, this event would not have happened.

The scouts, volunteers, parents, and leaders look forward to continuing and expanding this partnership with Northern in the future. Again, thank you MSU-Northern!

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