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Northern Network News

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## Last NNN until the Fall

This will be the last issue of the Northern Network News for the 2019-2020 academic year. I want to express special thanks to everyone who contributed information, articles, and photos to the NNN. I especially want to acknowledge Bill Lanier for his weekly Tidbit column, Belinda Potter, for proofreading the weekly issues and for Marianne Hoppe, for working diligently on the NNN archives, and helping to make sure that the stories post correctly on our website. Have a great summer break. The Northern Network News will return in the fall.

- Jim Potter, Director of University Relations and Editor of NNN

## ConGRADulations 2020 Graduates!



Faculty and staff from MSU-Northern send warm wishes to the graduating Class of 2020.

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**Join the Nurses Pinning Today - 10:00 a.m.**



The MSU-Northern Nursing Department teamed up with the University Relations Department to create a virtual pinning ceremony for this year's graduating class of nurses. Simply click on the above link to watch this year's nurses' pinning as a premiere event on YouTube.

A nurses' pinning ceremony is a long held tradition observed by nurses around the country. Considered a rite-of-passage into the world of nursing, the ceremony is meant to honor and celebrate the students' journeys to becoming nurses. It's a time for their family and friends to help them celebrate their accomplishments and for the students to thank their professors, fellow classmates, family, and friends for helping them succeed. Moreover, it is a time for professors to relish the students' accomplishments, and allow them time to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication. In a nutshell, a pinning ceremony isn't just a tradition; it's an important symbol of nursing students' hard work and dedication.

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## MSU-Northern sends out Graduation Boxes to 2020 Spring Graduates



The week, MSU-Northern shipped 246-graduation celebration boxes as a special congratulation to our graduates. These boxes included a card from the Chancellor, diploma cover, car license plate frame plus a pen, key chain, and business card set. All Spring 2020 graduates are invited to participate in the Fall 2020-commencement ceremonies (usually held the first Saturday in December). Congratulations MSU-Northern 2020 graduates, you make Northern Proud!

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## Take a Virtual Campus Tour



Experience the beauty of Northern's campus from the comfort of your home! Nothing replaces a physical campus visit, but MSU-Northern's new 360-degree virtual campus tour is the next best thing. Now, potential students can take a self-guided journey through the campus using their computer or mobile device. This tour features seventy 360-degree interactive photos of various locations around Northern's campus, as well as numerous photo galleries, videos, pop-up interactive elements, narrated information boxes, links, and more. Additional 360-photos and interactive elements are slated to be added to the tour in the coming months, so stay tuned as we continue to improve on this dynamic new Northern experience!

*Please note: This site is a work in progress, it works best on a desktop computer, further optimizations for mobile and VR mode will be coming in the future.*

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## Northern Installs Eight New Automated External Defibrillators

Eight new automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets/units were recently installed in some of the buildings on campus. The Safety and Disaster (SAD) committee purchased these AED units with MUS Workers' Compensation SafetySmart funds. This fund is available to enhance campus workplace safety. The goal is to deliver defibrillation to a person having a heart attack within 3-5 minutes after they collapse. Montana law provides liability protections and immunity from civil liability to an individual who provides emergency care or treatment by use of CPR/AED. So, don't hesitate to act.



The new AED's are located in the following areas:

- Brockmann
- Library
- ATC
- DTC
- Hagener
- SUB
- Cowan-Near Registrar's office
- Cowan-Theater-between elevator and ticket booth

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## MSU-Northern Congratulates 2020 Retirees

MSU-Northern would like to send a special congratulations to our retirees:

- John Foley
- Lorraine Johnson
- Stephen Lockwood
- Charles Pollington
- John Snider
- Thomas Welch
- Steven Wise

We look forward to honoring these retirees at the 2021 retirement reception next spring.

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## **Book Rental Returns and Buy Back Procedures for May 2020**

### **Rental Returns**

Students in town can drop off rental returns at the bookstore from 10-2 (until regular hours start up again) they just need to call ahead (265-3728) to let us know since the doors are locked to through traffic.

Out of town students who are returning to school in the fall may wait until they come back to return their rentals. No penalty or charge will be made to their credit card if the rentals are returned by the end of August.

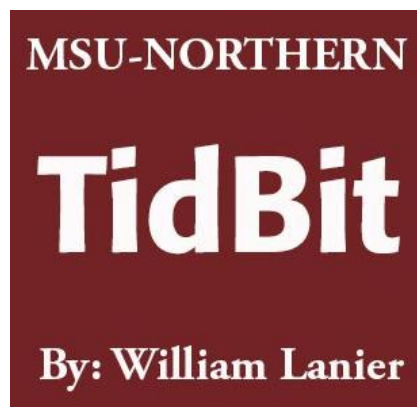
If the student is not returning they need to mail the rental back to:  
MSU-Northern Bookstore  
PO Box 7751  
Havre, Mt 59501

If the student hasn't gotten the rental back to the bookstore by the end of August we will then start charging their credit card on file or their student account.

### **Book Buy Back**

We will be doing a Virtual Buy Back this semester. Go to: [bookstore.msun.edu](http://bookstore.msun.edu) then choose the textbook tab and sell. This will take you to our used book company. When you put in the ISBN (10 or 13 digit # on back of book) it will tell you what they are paying for the book. They will also give you a mailing label at the end of the transaction so there is no cost for you to send the book(s) back. Nebraska Book Company will also send you a check in 2-3 weeks.

Any questions contact: Sue Solomon, MSU-Northern Bookstore at 406-265-3728



### **My Advice to the 2020 Graduates**

Well here we are, graduation weekend in May of 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the spring graduation has to wait until December 2020. While this is a huge disappointment to many, please do not let this diminish your accomplishments.

Since there will be no graduation speakers to stand in front of you to give you advice, let me be the one to give you graduates and everybody else who reads this a few life tips that I have gathered over my life-time.

- Take the time to thank the people who have helped you to get to this point in life.
- Appreciate the path you have taken to get where you are right now. Life is a journey not a destination and everyone has their own journey.
- Tell your loved ones that you love them. Tell them often, show it and mean it. You just never know when that last time will be.
- Always keep learning and moving forward. Life will throw things at you, but keep moving forward and learning. Not everyone will take the same path and that is ok.
- Do not let arguments and disagreements ruin friendships. You are not always going to agree with others and others are not always going to agree with you and that is also ok. That is what makes us all unique.
- Be open to criticism, put your ego aside and take the time to listen and actually hear what others are saying. You may actually learn something. Too many times people are listening to respond and do not actually hear the message.
- For the love of everything that is good in this world, do not argue on Facebook or other social media sites. If you do, do not take it personally.
- Always work on communicating. One of the single biggest issues in the world is not being able to communicate effectively. This includes your jobs, families, friends and social activities.
- Remember no job is too small. That beginning job may be the key to the door that will open to that life-long career.
- Never quit a job unless you have another job to go to. It is much easier to get a job when you have a job.
- Keep in touch with the friends you made here at Northern. You may think, oh I will, but trust me on this, you will need to work on this, life simply gets in the way.
- As you move on in life and no matter where you go, give back to your community, I guarantee you will get more out of it than you put into it.
- Be proud of your degree(s) from Northern. Northern is proud of you for earning that degree(s).
- Keep in touch with Northern, we want to hear from you and hear about journeys and your successes. Your successes are our successes. Come

back and visit the campus and stop by the Northern Alumni Office, again we want to keep in touch with you.

- Congratulations on your achievements, we are proud of you and remember WE ARE NORTHERN!

I would like to thank Jim Potter, Jane Stuart, and Lee Louder for their assistance this year with the NNN TidBits.

I would also like to thank you all who have read, commented, enjoyed and made suggestions to me this year regarding the NNN TidBits. If you have any additional suggestions, please let me know by e-mailing me at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com) Again, thank you and hope to see and hear from you this summer and fall! Be safe and take care. Go Northern!

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