



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Northern Network News

The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - September 4, 2020

Video – Students Return to Campus

Students put on their masks and embraced a new way of going to college this week.



Welcome to the Northern Network News

The Northern Network News (NNN) is MSU-Northern's weekly newsletter designed to keep you informed about all the wonderful things happening on our campus. The NNN comes out every Friday during the school year (with the exception of vacations and holidays). If you want something included in the

NNN, please submit it to potterj@msun.edu by Wednesday at noon, and make sure you indicate in the subject line "For NNN."

Thanks and stay safe Northern!
Jim Potter, Director of University Relations

MSU-Northern Honors Mike Tilleman



Mike Tilleman proudly poses with the MSU-Northern Football team after receiving the first touchdown ball.

On August 26 during MSU-Northern's annual faculty and staff We Love Northern BBQ, the campus honored Mike Tilleman and his family for their support of MSU-Northern's football and athletic programs. "It is safe to say that MSU-Northern's football program and this stadium would not be here today if it had not been for Mike Tilleman," said Greg Kegel, Chancellor of MSU-Northern.

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Student Orientation



This year the students experienced a check-in process reminiscent of the days before computers and wireless technologies. Many departments including admissions, advising, financial aid, registrar, business services, accessibility, and SSS were located in the gym. This approach made it quick and easy for students to talk with all the right people without walking all over campus.

This year students were divided into five groups and went through five different sessions to get to know each other better and learn about campus life.

MSU-NORTHERN NEARS PHASE 1 FUNDRAISING GOAL WITH 2 MAJOR GIFTS



MSU-Northern announced that it received two major gifts this past week totaling \$250,000 in support of MSU-Northern's athletic facilities. The gifts were made to the MSU-Northern Foundation and came from two local sources: the Patrick family gifted \$200,000 and another anonymous donor contributed \$50,000. With the football construction for Phase 1 near completion, the fundraising has not stopped.

"This dream has come to life all thanks to private donors, so it is no surprise that these two gifts are from individuals who support Northern and its evolution," said MSU-Northern Chancellor Greg Kegel. "They understand that

investing in Northern and its campus is an investment in our students and our future.”

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Faculty and Staff Orientation



This year MSU-Northern conducted their annual faculty and staff orientation meetings in an online format. This included the Chancellor’s State of the University address, the new staff and faculty introductions, and the longevity awards. All of the participants were socially distanced in Hensler and the customary handshakes and photos were absent. All of the required annual training presentations were prerecorded.

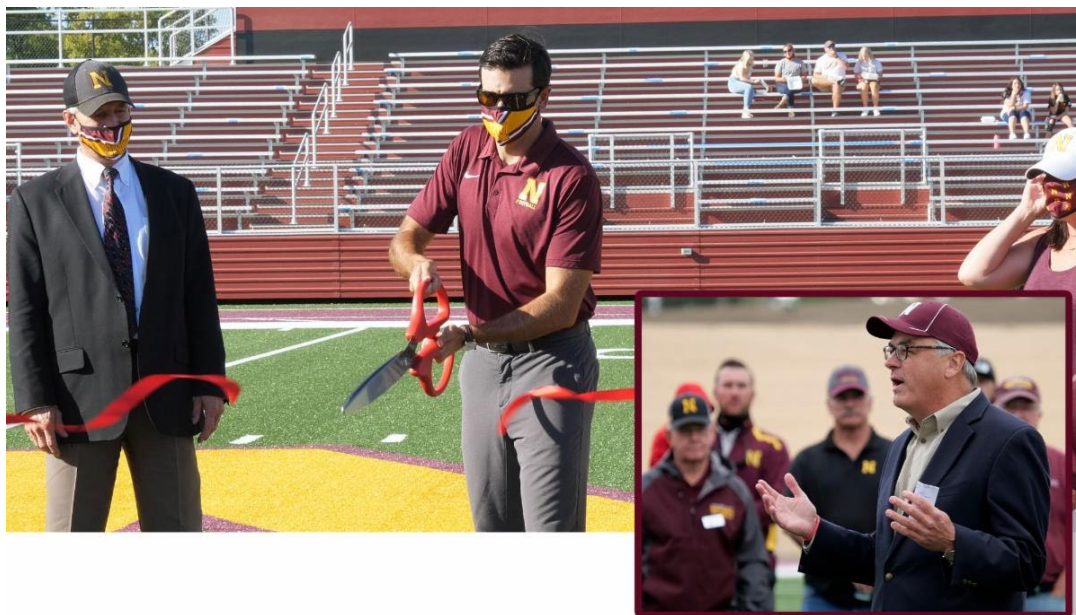
MSU-Northern Acknowledges Spring Golden N Recipients



Chancellor Kegel presented the 2019-20 Golden N awards during the annual We Love Northern BBQ. This award is given annually by MSU-Northern students and was presented to Greg Clouse, Linda Collins, and Robert Tate. Presentation of the awards usually happens in the spring but due to the global pandemic, the event was postponed.

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Ribbon Cutting for the New Field



The Northern Alumni Foundation conducted a private, closed ribbon cutting ceremony for the new field. The participants for that event included the foundation board and the fundraising committee. A second ribbon cutting was conducted to honor the donors. Small events of celebration for the new field will continue in keeping with our COVID policies and will lead up to the official field dedication, naming, and ribbon cutting sometime in the future.

Volleyball Team Receives Academic Award



This summer the MSU-Northern Volleyball team received the 2019-20 USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award. This award honors teams who have matched their dedication to the sport of volleyball with excellence in the classroom. (photo taken last year)

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Earn a Credit for a Weekly Radio Show

KNMC 90.1FM is your campus radio station located on the main level of the Student Union Building. Founded in 1954, KNMC is an all-volunteer radio station comprised of campus and community members who love music and connecting with the MSU-Northern campus and the surrounding community of Havre. Additionally, KNMC can be streamed to friends and family across the globe at msun.edu/knmc

This fall, KNMC is offering a course credit for MSU-Northern students. COMX-291 Radio Station Participation class is a one-credit course that provides students the opportunity to produce their own weekly radio show for credit. Through this course, students will learn the basic operations of a radio station, its equipment, and how to effectively communicate through the medium of radio. Students are able to select their favorite music and content for broadcast while abiding by current FCC broadcast guidelines. We also have student scholarships available for as much as \$3,000.

For more information, contact Dave Martens at 406-390-1238 or email knmcradio@msun.edu

Important Announcements

MSU-Northern Seeking Public Input

MSU-Northern will host a series of public forums on the subject of the university's naming the new football field the Tilleman Field:

- Tuesday, September 8 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the SUB Ballroom
- Tuesday, September 8 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom
- Tuesday, September 8 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom

Face coverings are required for all attendees; please adhere to all social distancing requirements.

Comments may be sent to chancellor@msun.edu or to the campus at PO Box 7751, Havre, MT 59501.

Students... Register to Vote

Federal law mandates that colleges and universities provide their enrolled students who are eligible to vote with voter registration forms in election years. This email contains a link to the [Montana voter registration application form](#) and links to helpful voter registration information. The upcoming elections for both federal and state offices occur Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

If you are not yet registered to vote, the [Montana voter registration application form is available online.](#)

[This website will allow you to confirm whether you are registered to vote in Montana.](#)

[Find additional information here](#) if you are unsure about your eligibility to register to vote in Montana or if you just want to learn more about the process.

Complete the Census

Please find below some important information about the 2020 Census from <https://census.mt.gov/>:

- **If you have not yet completed the census, go to <https://census.mt.gov/> and follow the instructions to complete your census questionnaire. It's easy to do and only takes a few minutes!**
- **If you are a student going to college in Montana and living off campus, you should be counted as a Montana resident, because**

unlike your on campus classmates, you haven't been counted through campus housing.

- The Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S territories.
- It only takes 10 minutes to answer 9 simple questions that will shape your community for the next 10 years.
- Your response to the 2020 Census is safe, secure, confidential, and protected by federal law.

THE CENSUS: A SNAPSHOT FOR MONTANA

- *Montana receives more than \$2 billion every year in federal funding that is allocated to our state based on census data.*
- *Census data affect your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Projections show Montana could gain a U.S. House Representative in Congress with an accurate count.*

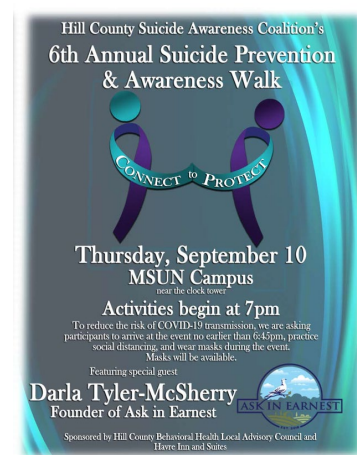
For more information, please visit <https://census.mt.gov/>, www.facebook.com/MontanaCensus2020/, or call 406-841-2740.

Last day Drop classes without receiving a "W" grade is Tuesday, September 08

Upcoming Events

The Sixth Annual Hill County Suicide Awareness Walk – Sept. 10

The Hill County Suicide Awareness Coalition will be hosting the 6th Annual Hill County Suicide Awareness Walk on Thursday, September 10th, which is also World Suicide Prevention Day. Due to COVID 19, organizers have decided to forego normal pre-event activities and instead are requesting participants to make their own shirts, bring memorials and signs that they have made at home, attain their own honor beads, wear a mask and practice social distancing. The Coalition has made masks with their logo and this year's theme "Connect to Protect" that will be distributed at the walk. They ask that participants begin gathering at the clock tower south of Cowan Hall on the MSUN campus no earlier than 6:45 pm. Speakers will begin at 7:00 pm.



This year's keynote speaker is Darla Tyler-McSherry, a Big Sandy native who is the Director of Student Health Services at MSU-Billings and the founder of "Ask in Earnest" an advocacy group focused on increasing suicide awareness among rural farm and ranch communities. Darla shares her personal message of "ask in earnest" in preventing suicide in farming after her father took his life on their family farm in 2016. Members of the community will be invited to share their experiences with suicide following the keynote speaker. A gentle 1-mile walk will then convene in a path around the MSUN campus; it is accessible.

[More Info...](#)

Virtual Book Club – Sept. 12 & 26

In collaboration with the Coalition, the Havre-Hill County Library will be facilitating a virtual book club on "Rising Strong" by Brené Brown. This book explores how to "reset your life" after experiencing failure, adversity, self-doubt and learning to be brave, vulnerable and dare greatly. The discussions are scheduled for September 12th and September 26th from 3:00-4:00pm on Zoom. Email Jasmine Carbajal jasmine.carbajal@montana.edu by September 4th to register.

Join us in reading **Rising Strong** by Brené Brown in the month of September!

How will this work?

- Register by Sept. 4th
- Purchase the book or audiobook and start reading or listening
- Join the two virtual discussion times



Where can I register?

- Register by calling or emailing Jasmine at 406-400-2335 or jasmine.carbajal@montana.edu



This is a collaboration between the Havre-Hill County Library and the Hill County Suicide Awareness Coalition

You will get to enter your name for a prize when you join in the discussions!

Discussions will be from 3:00pm-4:00pm on:
9/12 & 9/26

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

QPR Suicide Gatekeeper Training – Sept. 17 & 24

The Coalition is also sponsoring two virtual QPR Suicide Gatekeeper trainings during Suicide Awareness month. The training is about 90 minutes long and covers a variety of topics around suicide prevention, most importantly how to question, persuade and refer someone who may be suicidal. There are two sessions scheduled: Thursday September 17th 6:30-8:00pm and Thursday September 24th noon-1:30pm. Sessions are limited to 25 participants; please register with Amber Spring amber.spring@msun.edu.

[More Info...](#)

Campus Calendar

Monday, September 07

- Holiday ~ Labor Day Holiday ~ No Classes, Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 08

- Last day to drop classes without receiving a "W" grade
- Public Forum: Naming of the Football Field - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (SUB Ballroom)
- Campus Club/Organization Fair - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (SUB Ballroom)
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Thursday, September 10

Red Cross Blood Draw 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Suicide Awareness Walk 7:00 PM

Friday, September 11

Northern Cross Country

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