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Hagener 360 VR Tour Video



Take a virtual tour of MSU-Northern's Hagener Science Center! Home to Northern's College of Health Sciences, the Nursing Department, and the Integrated Health Science and Biology programs, Hagener is a staple of the MSUN campus.

Commissioner Christian Seeks Input



The Commissioner of Higher Education, Clayton Christian, was on campus Tuesday (April 5), to meet with community leaders, various campus groups and individuals to review how the system is working and what his office can do to help the small campuses thrive. He ended his day with a tour of the campus specifically focusing on the improvements to our Nursing Sim Lab, which has been completely transformed since his last campus visit.

Excitement Filled the Air at the Extreme Bares & Broncs Challenge



Last weekend (April 1&2), the MSU-Northern rodeo team hosted the PRCA Extreme Bares & Broncs Challenge in the Bigger Better Barn to a packed house of about 1,000 people each night. This event was aired on national TV through the Cowboy Channel. They had some of the top 20 bareback & saddle bronc riders in the world participate in the event. It created an exciting event for the entire family. This was the 3rd year the rodeo team has hosted this event.

Here are the results in the Bareback Riding:

Ty Breuer, 86.5 points on J Bar J's Drunk Bunny, \$3,722; 2. Clay Jorgenson, 86, \$2,854; 3. Tanner Aus, 85, \$2,109; 4. Dantan Bertsch, 83, \$1,365; 5. (tie) Caleb Bennett and Morgan Wilde, 82.5, \$744 each; 7. Bodee Lammers, 82, \$496; 8. Seth Hardwick, 81, \$372.

Here are the results in the Saddle Bronc Riding:

1. (tie) Lefty Marvel Holman, on J Bar J's Straight Jacket, and Sage Newman, on J Bar J's Delta Night, 84 points, \$3,587 each; 3. Tanner Butner, 80, \$2,301; 4. Lucas Macza, 77, \$1,489; 5. Cash Wilson, 76, \$948; 6. Damian Brennan, 75.5, \$677; 7. (tie) Kole Ashbacher, Josh Davison, Kolby Wanchuk and Jake Watson, 75, \$237 each.

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Spring Fling Lives up to its Reputation



The Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) held their annual Spring Fling (April 1). The dinner and auction were held in the Northern's Armory Gym and included both live auctions and silent auctions. This event is considered the largest athletic scholarship fundraiser of the year and has the reputation of being the best live auction and dinner fundraiser on the Hi-line. The final numbers are still not all in, but by all indicators it was a record setting year for giving. The NLASF awarded the 11th Annual Bob Bricker Award to Mike and Kim Evans.

COTS Advisory Boards Meet Throughout April



On Thursday, April 7, the College of Technical Sciences launched the first of eight program advisory board meetings. These meetings have become an essential part of almost all of the programs at MSU-Northern. The advisory boards are made up of professionals in the various fields who are able to provide valuable recommendations on how to improve programs. The programs who will be hosting advisory board meetings are:

- April 7th, Diesel Technology
- April 13th, Automotive Technology
- April 14th, Ag Mechanics & Agricultural Operations Technology
- April 20th, Civil Engineering Technology
- April 21st, Business Technology
- April 27th, Electrical Technology
- April 29th, Plumbing Technology, Pipefitters, & Related Training
- May 11th, Joint Welding Technology & Industrial Technology

COTS Departments Compete in All “N” Softball Tournament



Wednesday, was all “N” day at MSU-Northern. The plumbing and electrical programs in the College of Technical Sciences took it upon themselves to make up two teams with the students in their programs and have some friendly competition on the softball field. It made for an outstanding way for students, staff, and faculty to spend an afternoon interacting and competing. The electrical program proved to be victorious. They hope to make this an annual event and hope to get some more teams involved in the competition. They are working on a traveling trophy that the winning team will get to display in their lab all year.

Burmester and McCadney Named Athletes of the Year



One of the many traditions that occurs during the annual Spring Fling is the official announcement of the Athletes of the Year. This year, the awards went to Rylee Burmester, and Mascio McCadney. Rylee was instrumental in helping rebuild the Skylights volleyball team and leading them to their first winning season in seven years. Rylee graduated in December with a BS in business administration and minor in small business management and is currently living and working in Rock Springs, WY. Mascio earned 1,717 total points during his four-year career at Northern, which ranked him 4th all-time in the history of Northern Men's Basketball. An excellent student in the classroom, he earned Academic All-Conference. Mascio is undoubtedly one of the best ever to put on a Lights Basketball uniform. Congratulations Rylee and Mascio, you make Northern proud!

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Local Colleges Develop a New Way for High School Students to Become Teachers



Montana State University-Northern and Great Falls College – MSU hosted a Teachers of Promise Pathways (TOPP) program reception on Monday, April 4, 2022, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Great Falls College-MSU in room G45/46. The reception was an exciting opportunity for all stakeholders to meet and develop connections to support and expand the opportunity for all high school students to consider a career path to teaching--the most important career.

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Students Register for Fall Semester During All “N” Day



On Wednesday (Apr. 6), students had the opportunity to participate in a drop-in advising session and a campus carnival! A number of faculty and the Little River Institute were available to assist with academic advising in the SUB Ballroom. Additionally, there was a number of activities taking place in and around the SUB including laser tag (hosted by the National Guard) beanbag toss, bubble soccer, and more.



Cute Puppies Help Students

Many MSU-Northern students took time out of their busy schedules to play with the 16 puppies that were provided by PAWS of Chinook. This event started as a way to release some stress during finals week but was such a hit, it now happens almost monthly. A few students enjoyed the puppies so much they have applied to adopt one.

The Zentangle Method Helps People Relax



Amy Smith, Associate Professor of Education and certified Zentangle instructor gave some students, staff and faculty a brief demonstration on the steps they need to utilize to create some beautiful images. Zentangle art is non-representational and unplanned so you can focus on each stroke and not worry about the result. There is no up or down to Zentangle art. You don't need to know what a tangle is going to look like to draw it.

You just need to know the steps. The result is a delightful surprise; the focus is on the process. As you use the Zentangle Method to create beautiful images, you likely will enjoy increased focus, creativity, self-confidence and an increased sense well-being. (<https://zentangle.com/>)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Awards Celebration – Apr. 8

Join us on April 8, at 10 a.m., in the Student Union Building, as the Northern family will be celebrating the achievements of its students, faculty, and staff, as well as the generosity of its donors. The awards will include scholarships, Student Excellence Awards, and the Golden N Awards. Please come and enjoy a morning of celebration.

44th Annual Powwow – Apr. 8-9

The MSU-Northern Sweetgrass Society will be holding their 44th Annual Powwow on April 8th & 9th, in the MSUN Armory Gym. The Grand Entry Times will be Friday at 7pm, and Saturday at 1 pm & 7 pm. The event features...

- MC: Gayle Skunkcap
- AD: Walter Runsabove
- Sound: Wind Dancer Tunes
- Host Drum: Assiniboine Cree
- New this year: Crow Style!
- First 10 drums paid each session

To reserve a booth or sponsor a category, contact Tallen Oats at

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ASMSUN ELECTION - Apr. 11-15

The Associated Students of MSU-Northern (ASMSUN) will host their online spring election for the 2022-23 school year on April 11-15. If any students are interested in becoming a member of the Student Senate for next fiscal year, contact ASMSUNPres@msun.edu to pick up an application or stop by the SUB Information Desk. Applications are due by no later than April 7.

[Learn more...](#)

Lunch and Learn – Apr. 12

MSU-Northern's Career Center is hosting a Lunch and Learn on April 12th in Brockmann 209 from 12-1. Adam Somers, Regional HR Manager for C&B Operations, will present on Career Management topics.

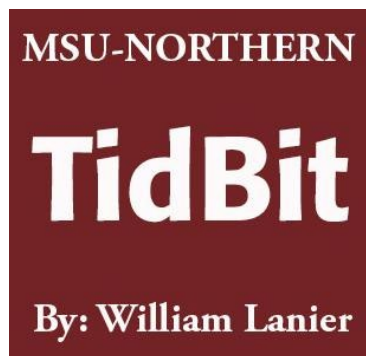
Retirement Reception – Apr. 19

Four staff and faculty members have retired since last year's retirement reception. They are Lori Borth, Vicki Gist, Dr. Steve Hesske, and Dr. Carol Reifschneider. Join us Tuesday, April 19, from 3:30-5:00, for some goodies in the

SUB Ballroom as we honor and reflect on their 114 years of collective dedication to MSU-Northern.

Founders Excellence Awards Ceremony – Apr. 29

The Founders' Excellence Award Ceremony is coming up on Friday, April 29th! Tickets are still available to join the MSU-Northern Foundation in honoring Dr. Joseph Callahan and Clyde R. Thomas Jr. for their incredible service to Northern. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes dinner. Doors open at 5pm in the SUB Ballroom. RSVPs are required to attend, so please call (406) 265-3711 to reserve your seat, or email alumni@msun.edu.



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Alumni Update – Rod Karst

The NNN TidBit would like to congratulate Northern Alumni, Rod Karst for his upcoming induction into the Montana Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

406 MT Sports stated “Karst has coached for 34 years between Opheim and Glasgow. He's spent 28 of those with the Scotties as a head coach in cross country, volleyball and track and field. He's served as an assistant in volleyball and softball but has been the Scotties' head cross country coach for 23 years. Glasgow has won seven Class B girls cross country championships in 2005, 2007, 2008 and four consecutive from 2010-2013. Karst has been nominated this year as the national boys cross country coach of the year to go with two girls cross country coach of the year nominations from 2014 and 2018.” The induction ceremony is set for July 28, 2022 at 11:30am at CMR High School in Great Falls, Montana.

This past November, Rod was elected Mayor of Glasgow to go along with his teaching and coaching.

While attending Northern Montana College, Rod was active in a variety of student activities, including Delta Alpha Theta, Student Activities Board, Student Booster Club and the Associated Students of Northern Montana College (ASNMC). Serving as ASNMC President during the 1985-86 school year. In 1987, Rod was a recipient of the Student Excellence Award.

Congratulations Rod, you make Northern proud!

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