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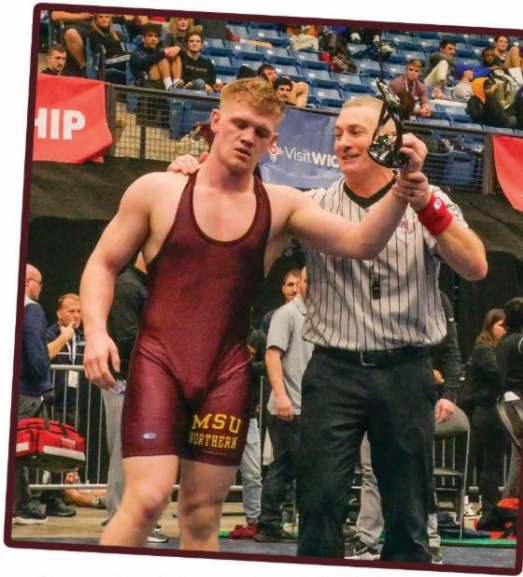
**The Official Newsletter of MSU-Northern - March 10, 2023**

## **Theatre Workshop Class Helps with SpongeBob the Musical**



Grant Olson, Assistant Professor of Theatre/Communications, talks about THTR 105, Theatre Workshop, and how it blends hands-on construction with art - "humanities with hammers".

## Vanek Takes 7th and Siegel Takes 4th at Nationals



Austin Vanek 184 lb.



Nakoda Siegel 174 lb.

The 2023 NAIA National Wrestling Championships in Wichita, Kansas, are now in the history books. NaKoda Siegel is a two time All-American. Austin Vanek not only qualified for the NAIA National Championships as a freshman, but was also named an All-American.

174-No. 4 NaKoda Siegel fell against No. 1 Isaiah Luellen (GV) by a close decision 3-2. Siegel won against No. 10 Douglas Peppers (SEFL) by a decision 3-2 to push him to compete for third and fourth place. He lost against No. 2 Riley Smucker (Life) by a decision 6-4 to take 4th place.

184- Austin Vanek lost in his first match of the day against No. 7 Sawyer Hobbs (Providence) by a fall 2:07. Vanek won by a sudden victory 7-5 against Sam Irwin (REIN) to take 7th place.

[Read more...](#)

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## Chancellor Kegel Shares His Campus Vision With Student Senate



Wednesday night (Mar. 8), MSU-Northern's Chancellor, Greg Kegel, and Dean of Students, Corey Kopp, met with student senate and a group of visitors to provide an outline of the next ten years of campus improvements and projects. They also provided updates on campus issues and concerns. The topics included an explanation of the campus strategic plan, our new Aurora Complex, Equine Center, and provided an update on campus safety, changes in dining services, academic programs, and more.

Chancellor Kegel explained that once the funding for the new Aurora Complex has been secured, he will be seeking input from the students on what they would like to see in that building.

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## Arntzen Talks About Education to Local Legislators



On Tuesday (Mar. 7), Montana Office of Public Instruction Superintendent, Elise Arntzen, hosted a public forum on the campus of MSU-Northern to talk to local educators, parents, and school leaders about the legislative session and get their feedback.

[Read more...](#)

## Northern Spotlights Al Garver

The first person I want to feature in our new column is our Director of the Northern Alumni Foundation, Al Garver. Before coming to MSU-Northern, Al was a Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. Only about 1 percent of all enlisted individuals achieve that level (E-9) of rank. During his time in the military, he received numerous awards and decorations including Legion of Merit award, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters. In 2002 he ran the Olympic torch in Billings. In 2008 he played in the main event of the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.



During the past 40 years, he has served as an active-duty law enforcement specialist, the Senior Enlisted Reserve Historian assigned to Headquarters USAF at the Pentagon and multiple deployments all

over the world including an eight months deployment to Joint Base Balad, Iraq. He was also the Executive Director of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS). He also served as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant for the District of Columbia National Guard from July 2014 to March 2017.

If you have an interesting hobby, skill, career history, or story you would like to share with others please email it to me at [potterj@msun.edu](mailto:potterj@msun.edu) and together we can help inspire others to learn and try new things.

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## Take Northern With You!



As you head out for Spring Break, please take some Northern swag with you and take a picture of yourself with the Northern swag and email it to me, Jim Potter, at [potterj@msun.edu](mailto:potterj@msun.edu) along with a brief description of who you are, where you went, and what you did. With any luck, we will feature you in the NNN and on our Facebook site. Let's see how many states and countries we can cover in the months ahead. I would also love to see photos from our alumni. So if you are an alum working or visiting a foreign country, please send us a photo. If you need Northern swag you can purchase some through our Northern Bookstore.

[Click here to check out the Northern Bookstore...](#)

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## The Concert That Never Happened



This past Saturday (Mar. 4), the Montana Actors Theatre hosted a sold out tribute band concert that featured four local bands. Bowies, Cory Kopp and Friends, The Psychedelic Space Cans, and Steeds also known as Moonage Danebream. Northern's talented staff and faculty were part of several of the bands: Emilee Luke played the keyboard and trumpet, Lindsey Bennett was on keys, Joey Todd on guitar, Trygve (Spike) on bass, Casey Donovan on saxophone, Julea Robbins on vocals and Brian Rhodes on drums. Grant Olson served as the moderator of the evening. MAT hopes to do more musical events in the future. The theatre in Cowan is one of the best venues in Havre for sound, lighting, and video--this combo makes for excellent concerts.

[Click here to watch the concerts](#)

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## Beading Social on Thursdays

This Thursday (Mar. 9), the Little River Institute started a new Thursday activity... they are calling the activity the Beading Social. Every Thursday afternoon from 2-4:00 pm students can escape the pressure of classes and homework and learn the fine art of beading by peer mentor Tallen. No experience is needed and you don't need to worry about supplies. The LRI will provide all of your supplies and teach you all you need to know to enter the fun. Mark Thursday afternoons on your calendar.

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## ASMSUN Hosts Student Leadership Workshop

Students from various student clubs and organizations participated in a leadership workshop on Tuesday (Mar.7) in the SUB Ballroom. Facilitated by

Gallup Strengths Coach, Brent Olinger, students learned more about their individual talents and explored how they used them in various roles in their daily, particularly in their leadership roles on campus. Participants completed an assessment prior to the workshop. With results in hand, they reflected on their top 10 strengths, as they learned about the four strength themes (executing, influencing, relationship building, and strategic thinking), as well as the 34 strengths. This workshop was sponsored by ASMSUN Student Senate.

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## **MSUN Staff Trains Community Organization**

MSUN Safe Zone recently facilitated LGBTQ awareness and ally building training with staff and board members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line. The training was requested by Executive Director, Tim Brurud, to help their staff continue to provide an environment that is safe, positive, and inclusive to all youth and teens in the community, a commitment that is central to the Boys and Girls Club of America. Facilitator and MSUN Counselor, Amber Spring, stressed that LGBTQ young people are at much higher risk for mental health issues and suicide than their peers. These rates have been increasing since the pandemic, particularly in states with anti-LGBTQ legislation, like Montana. Research has shown that when an LGBTQ youth has even one supportive adult, their risk of suicide significantly decreases. Thus, trainings like Safe Zone can literally save lives.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Spring Break Week** - Mar 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (No classes, offices open)

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**No NNN Next Week**

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## **Student Senate Applications – Due March 20**

Senate is still looking for students interested in applying for ASMSUN Student Senate as well as the ASMSUN Councils: Activities & Events, Intramurals & Recreation, Recycling & Campus Sustainability, and the Community Center. The deadline for Student Senate & Council Chair applications has been extended to 8:00pm Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Golden “N” Nominations – Due March 20**

Has a staff or faculty member had a profound influence in helping you achieve your educational, career or life goals? NOMINATE THEM FOR A GOLDEN N AWARD

Golden N Nominations will be extended to 5:00 p.m. Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> as well.

[Click Here for a Nomination Form](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WOMEN IN STEM - April 18**

APRIL 18, 2023 12:05-12:55PM STUDENT UNION BUILDING (SUB)

Teresa Brockie, PhD, RN, FAAN is an Indigenous nurse scientist and educator whose research focuses on achieving health equity through community-based prevention and intervention of suicide, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences among vulnerable populations. She is an Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing with a Joint Appointment in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg Center for Indigenous Health. Ph.D, Master of Science in Nursing, RN, Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Little River Institute at MSU-Northern.

### **SPRING CLEANING DONATION DRIVE – Mar. 20-24**

It may not look like spring outside ... but it is the season for spring-cleaning. If you are using your spring break to declutter or have items you have been meaning to take to a donation center, please consider donating items to the MSUN

Community Center.

Donation boxes will be set up outside of Student Health Services in the SUB Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm during March 20-24.

The Community Center accepts donations for the Food Pantry, the Dress for Success program, and items students may need for residential living. Suggested items for the Food Pantry include: protein rich non-perishable or shelf stable items (peanut butter, canned beans, canned tuna or chicken), ingredients for easy meals (pasta, pasta sauce, rice, etc..) and ready-made meals (canned soups, stew, ramen noodles, cereal, boxed meals), and condiments. The Dress for Success program provides lightly used clothing for students for interviews, internships, and employment. Due to the variety of occupations our students work in, most items are appropriate including shoes, work boots, pants, polo's, blouses,



skirts, blazers, and jeans. Moving into an apartment for the first time can be expensive. The Community Center also takes donations for items needed in residential living such as small appliances, pots and pans, dishes, cleaning products, toiletries and hygiene products, bedding, bathroom towels, and the like.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the Community Center Coordinator at [communitycenter@msun.edu](mailto:communitycenter@msun.edu) or Amber Spring at 406-399-1919 or [amber.spring@msun.edu](mailto:amber.spring@msun.edu)

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## Next Brown Bag Lecture – March 22

Next month's lecture – "Building a Brand for Small Businesses and Organizations" – will be presented on Wednesday, March 22, from 1 to 2pm by Mary Ward, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design.

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**TidBit**

By: William Lanier

## **(#388) Re-visiting the 1982 Northern Wrestling Team**

With the conclusion of the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual NAIA National Wrestling Championships this past weekend, I thought it might be interesting to go back and look at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual NAIA National Wrestling Championships.

In March of 1982, Northern had its very first three All-Americans. Byron Hallock, Joe Aline and Gerard Eichten.

Byron finished the year with a 15-5-1 record, Gerard 15-3-

0 and Joe Aline had a 37-5-1 record. All three finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place. The top 8 placers in each weight class receive All-American designation.

As a team, Northern Montana College finished with 14.5 points, which placed them in 22<sup>nd</sup> place out of 70 teams. The March 6, 1982 Havre Daily News stated that Eichten "...wrestled the entire tournament with a separated shoulder sustained in practice...". In the same article, Northern coach Dave Greenwood stated, "It was a super tournament for us."

The significance of this tournament and the All-American designation for these three is that it began a streak of 42 consecutive years of having Northern having at least one All-American. This streak continued this year when Nakoda Siegel and Austin Vanek earned All-American status. Congratulations to Nakoda for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> and Austin for his 7<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Also, congratulations to Colin Silverthorn, Rylin Burns and Devin Crawford for being named 2022-23 Daktronics Scholar-Athletes.

Please click on the following link to see more Northern wrestling history [Northern Wrestling Post-Season Honors](#)

Please continue to check back for more NNN TidBits! If you see anything that you would like me to highlight, please send it to me at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com)

**Front Row:** Gerard Eichten, Brett Padden. **Middle Row:** Coach Greenwood, Kevin Myers, Dave Hohn, Byron Halquist, Terry Aline. **Back Row:** Steve Sheeley, Bart McDermott, Joe Aline, Scott Nicholson, Ken Foss, Byron Hallock, Bryan Wetz.

## WRESTLERS



The 1981-82 Wrestling Team from the 1982 Northerner.

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