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NLASF Hosted Another Outstanding Spring Fling



On Friday (April 7), the Northern Lights Athletic Scholarship Foundation (NLASF) hosted the 18th annual Spring Fling dinner and auction in the Armory Gymnasium. NLASF hosts the event every year to raise money for MSU-Northern's athletics program. Student athletes worked the game stations, tended to tables, and others escorted attendees to their tables. All student athletes and coaches played a big part in this fundraiser.

Photos of Spring Fling

[23 Spring Fling](#)

Spring Fling Honors Baltrusch Family



The 13th Annual Bob Bricker Award went to the Baltrusch family for their years of dedicated service to MSU-Northern. Several student athletes were also recognized for their achievements throughout the year, including the All-Americans, which were Austin Vanek, NaKoda Siegel, and Jesse Keltner. The Men's Athlete of the Year is Nakoda Siegel and Women's Athlete of the Year is Alana Graves.

Hunter Velk Takes First at Montana SkillsUSA

On March 29-31, the 52nd Annual Montana SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference was held at Helena College. MSU-Northern sent two students to the state competition. One in Diesel and one in welding. Hunter Velk won first place in the Post-secondary Diesel Equipment Technology category. Hunter now qualifies to participate the SkillsUSA National leadership & Skills Conference on June 19-23 in Atlanta, Georgia.



Athletes of the Year Awards Presented at Spring Fling



The athletes of the year are named at the Athletic banquet in front of the other student Athletes but they officially receive their awards at the Spring Fling where they can be honored by their many fans and supporters. Alana Graves is the female Athlete of the Year and NaKoda Siegel is the male Athlete of the Year. Pictured above (L to R) Greg Kegel, Alana Graves, Nakoda Siegel, and Christian Oberquell.

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Coach Huse Presented with 20-year Coaching Jacket



MSU-Northern Athletic Director Christian Oberquell started a new tradition by presenting Shawn Huse with the first ever 20th year MSU-Northern maroon coaching jacket. Coach Huse has an impressive 418 wins with a 64% winning percentage and is ranked 18th winningest active coach in the NAIA. Oberquell suspects that he leads the nation in jacket tosses as well as the fastest jacket tosser in the NAIA. Oberquell requested that when he tosses this jacket that it not be on the floor. Congratulations Shawn for your 20-years of hard work. You make Northern Proud!

Lights Enjoy a Friendly Round of Folf



Members of the Lights basketball team found some time between classes, work, and homework to enjoy the warm sunny weather and a round of some campus Folf. The rules were simple, the losing team must buy dinner for the winning team. The championship team are the ones smiling, namely, Tanner McCliment-Call, Myles Dalton, Rogan Barnwell, Jacob Randall.

Industry Night Builds on Last Year's Successes

Industry Nights started last year as a way for Industry to help recruit students into technical fields like diesel, agriculture, business, and more. They were so successful that they are back for another year. Industry Night is a way for industry professionals to talk about career opportunities in the various technical fields. The first event was hosted on Tuesday night (April 11) at Modern Machinery in Missoula. Each event has representatives from Modern Machinery, Tractor & Equipment Co, and RDO Equipment Co! Potential students learned how Industry and MSU-Northern work together to prepare students for future careers in the diesel industry.

Additional Dates, Times, and Locations

April 20th from 6 pm-8 pm, in Billings - hosted by RDO Equipment Co

May 18th from 6 pm-8 pm, in Great Falls - hosted by Tractor & Equipment Co

ASMSUN Hosts Their Spring Reception



On Tuesday, April 11, interim Provost Dr. Carol Reifschneider swore in the newly elected 2022-2023 ASMSUN Executive Council and Senate into their positions. Outgoing members were recognized for their contributions to ASMSUN, MSU-Northern, and the community.

Students Used the Drop in Advising During All N Day



Faculty members from the various colleges were on hand to meet with students to help them plan out their schedules and register for classes. The drop in advising center was set up in the SUB Ballroom and was available from 10-3 on April 12. This was a great way for students to plan their future and register for classes.

Campus Car Show Was the Highlight of All N Day



MSU-Northern students, faculty, staff, and alumni took a walk “Through the Decades” at the MSU-Northern campus Car Show that occurred on Wednesday, April 12, at the SUB loop. The show was part of the All N Day that happened on the campus.

Northern Spotlight on Gwen and Roger Hart



Gwen and Roger Hart are two of the talented authors who will be presenting at the Havre Literary Night tonight, April 14, at 7:00 pm, in the MSUN Little Theatre. They will also have books for people to buy and they will be available to autograph their books.

Gwen Hart teaches writing at MSU-Northern. She and her husband, Roger, share a love for writing. In fact, they both got their M.F.A in Creative Writing from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Gwen is the author of two chapbooks and three full-length poetry collections. Her second book, *The Empress of Kisses*, won the X. J. Kennedy Poetry Prize from Texas Review. Her latest book just came out and is called, *Never Be the Same*. It was published by FutureCycle Press. She is a member of the Academy of American Poets and the Popular Cultural Association.

Roger Hart’s stories and essays have been published in *Natural Bride*, *The Tampa Review*, *Passages North*, *Runner’s World*, and other magazines and journals. The title story of his new collection, “Mysteries of the Universe,” won the McGlinn Fiction Prize and was published in *Philadelphia Stories*. He is currently working on a new novel under the supervision of his wife and two big dogs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for Fall Semester 2023 Schedule:

- Apr 17: New Students
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Founders Awards Dinner – Apr. 14

Join the Northern Alumni Foundation on April 14 in the SUB Ballroom at 5:30 p.m. for an excellent prime rib dinner and to officially present Kurt Johnson and Pam Veis with their Founders Excellence Awards. Tickets are \$35 per person, RSVPs are required to attend, so please call (406) 265-3711 to reserve your seat, or email alumni@msun.edu.

Havre Literary Night – April 14

Montana State University-Northern and Montana Actors' Theatre are pleased to present the Havre Literary Night on Friday April 14, at 7:00 pm, in the MSUN Little Theatre. It will be a night of fiction, poetry, & photography featuring three local and award-winning authors:

- Charles Finn – 2022 Montana Book Award Winner
- Gwen Hart – X.J. Kennedy Poetry Award Winner
- Roger Hart – McGlenn fiction contest Winner and Photographer
- Barbara Michelman – 2022 Montana Book Award Winner

This event is free and open to people of all ages. Refreshments will be available.

[Click here to download flyer...](#)

Student Art Show – April 17

The opening reception for the student art show will be held in the Vande Bogart Library on Monday, April 17, at 6 PM. Refreshments will be served. The art exhibition will run April 17-28 and will feature art projects from all the art classes and will contain all media types.

Brown Bag Lecture with Dr. Gwen Hart – April 17

Join us for the next Brown Bag Lecture where Dr. Hart will introduce her newly published volume of poetry and share some insights about her process as a poet. Title of the presentation: "Never Be the Same: Finding and Following Poetic Imagination" on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 11:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Hensler Auditorium.

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.. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Little River Institute at MSU-Northern.

Retirement Reception - April 18

You are cordially invited to a MSU-Northern retirement reception on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023 at 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom. We will be honoring Kevin Carlson, Margaret Christofferson, Gregory Clouse, Richard Dorcheus, Thomas Kase, R. Neil Moisey, Keith Richardson, Cynthia Small, and Debra Bradly.

Havre Dinner Theatre – Apr 21-22

Montana Actors Theatre is pleased to present, *Almost Austen or Basically Bronte: A Farce in Two Acts*. Jane Austen has writer's block. Just as she's fallen into a slump, her study is invaded by the Bronte sisters. They're all ghosts, forced to roam the world until one is deemed the greatest writer. They try to outdo each other in writing an original short story. The audience chooses the winner. The grand prize? Paradise! The resulting tales are strewn with off-color jokes, nausea-inducing puns, & the occasional appearance of an unexpected fruit. Let the best woman win!

All Dinner Theatre tickets are \$35 for one or \$65 for two. Reserved tables of 8 for \$300. Add 8 tickets to your cart and we will automatically reserve a table for you! Price includes dinner and the performance. Havre Eagles Club – April 21, 22 at 6:00 p.m.

[Click here for tickets...](#)

45th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow – April 28-29

The Sweetgrass Society's annual powwow is less than a month away, so if you are interested in helping to sponsor the event then contact Sweetgrass Society President Tallen Oats, or Sweetgrass Vice President Dulci Skunkcap. You can also go to the Northern Foundation website at msunfoundation.org, click on Donate Now and type Pow-wow in the other fund blank area, type in the \$ amount and use a debit or credit card to pay to sponsor or donate.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Friday, April 014

- MSUN Rodeo @ Montana State University
- 2023 Founders' Excellence Award Dinner - 5:30 PM
- Havre Literary Night - 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 15

- MSUN Rodeo @ Montana State University

Sunday, April 16

- MSUN Rodeo @ Montana State University

Monday, April 17

- Registration for Fall Semester 2023 - New Students
- Brown Bag Lecture: Never Be the Same: Finding and... 11:00 AM
- Student Art Show Opening Reception - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, April 18

- Women in STEM - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- Retirement Reception - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Thursday, April 20

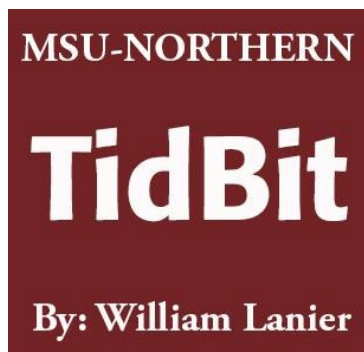
- MSUN Rodeo @ Miles Community College
- Summer and Fall Semester 2023 Graduation Applications Due
- University Advisory Council meeting - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday, April 21

- MSUN Rodeo @ Miles Community College

Saturday, April 22

- MSUN Rodeo @ Miles Community College



(#392) The First Founder's Recipient – Joseph S. Wright

Tonight, the 2023 Founder's Excellence Awards will be awarded to Pam Veis and Kurt Johnson. These will be the 109th and 110th Founder's Excellence Awards to be awarded. The first recipient was awarded 45 years ago to Joseph Sutherland Wright on April 15, 1978.

Here is a look into the life of Joseph Sutherland Wright. Joseph S. Wright was born in 1911 in Portland Oregon to Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Wright. The family moved to Havre where Dr. Wright was an esteemed member of the Elks, a dentist and future mayor of Havre. The book "Grit, Guts and Gusto" states that Dr. Wright was Havre Mayor from 1941 to 1947.

Education

Joseph S. Wright graduated from Havre High School in 1928. He attended Northern Montana College and was a member of Northern Montana College's first graduating class in 1931. He also attended the University of Redlands and George Washington University Law School in Washington DC. In 1937 Joseph S. Wright earned his LLD Degree.

Career

From 1933 to 1936 Joseph was the Secretary to Montana Senator Burton K. Wheeler. The March 18, 2002 Havre Daily News stated "From 1936 to 1952 he was an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission. He served in various capacities, including special legal assistant to the Chairman, assistant general counsel and chief of the Commission's compliance division. He represented the Commission in many of the cases in federal courts."

1952 Joseph began working at Zenith Radio Corporation as the assistant general counsel. From there he had a very impressive accent with the Zenith Corporation; 1953 appointed general counsel, 1954 elected to board of directors, 1955 vice president, 1958 executive vice president, 1959 named president of the Zenith Corporation and in 1964 he became the chief executive officer. The March 18, 2002 Havre Daily News also stated "He was elected chairman of the board in 1968 and served until 1976, when he retired and became chairman of the Executive Committee of the board of director. He was elected chairman of the board again in October 1979 and served until April 1982, when he retired as chairman and as a director. He was chairman emeritus from 1982-1995."

Joseph Wright also served on various other boards, including Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Commonwealth Edison Company, Continental Illinois Bank, Bethlehem Steel Corporation and Evanston Hospital to name a few. He served as life trustee for both The University of Chicago and George Washington University and was member of the Commercial Club of Chicago.

Joseph Wright was also a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve and on active service from November 1942 to 1945!

Politics

While working for Senator Wheeler, it was believed that Joseph Wright might run for political office. Senator Wheeler is quoted in the July 19, 1935 Havre Daily News "While Wright is young, he is able, hardworking and by reason of his familiarity with the various departments here in Washington and the warm personal friendships he has made, would be a most useful member of congress, and prove extremely valuable to the state. We need some young blood in congress...men with ability and the courage of their convictions". As we now know, Joseph Wright did not enter politics like his father Dr. Wright

Havre Connections

On Friday, October 2, 1964 Joseph Wright was the guest speaker for the Havre Chamber of Commerce at their annual meeting that was held at the Elks. The next day (October 3, 1964) Joseph was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the brand new High School (which is the current Havre High School). The October 2, 1964 issue of the Havre Daily News stated "He is a distinguished alumnus of Havre High School being a member of the class of 1928".

In 1965 Joseph S. Wright gifted Havre High School 20 shares of Zenith Radio Corporation stock. At each certificate had an approximate value of \$71.00 for a total value of about \$675.00. According to amortizationcalculator.org 1965 value in 2023 that \$71.00 in 1965 would be about \$1,420.00 in 2023. Thus the donation of 20 shares in 1965 would have a total value of about \$13,500.00 today.

Special Recognition

Joseph S. Wright is currently on the Harvard Business School website under Great American Business Leaders of the 20th Century. Joseph S. Wright - Leadership - Harvard Business School (hbs.edu) This website states "Wright led Zenith Radio Corporation during its heyday as the leading manufacturer of color televisions in the United States. Under Wright's direction, Zenith pioneered the wireless remote controller and introduced advances in color television, phonographs, and hearing aid devices. His leadership was characterized by dramatic growth – sales grew from \$249 million to \$950 million and earnings more than doubled from \$16 million to \$39 million."

Joseph Wright was the Commencement Speaker for Rocky Mountain College in Billings at their 1965 graduation ceremonies.

Also in 1965 he was featured in an article in The Chicago Daily News (from the July 14, 1965 Havre Daily News).

George Washington University awarded Joseph Wright their Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1968

He also held honorary LLD degrees from Montana State University and Rocky Mountain College

On April 15, 1978 Joseph Wright was the honored guest and principal speaker for Northern Montana College Founders Day and there he became the first Northern Founder's Excellence Award Recipient.

Passing

The Havre Daily News reported in the March 18, 2002 issue that “Joseph Sutherland Wright, 90, Havre native and retired chairman of the board of Zenith Electronics Corporation, died March 11 in his Winnetka, Ill., home of heart failure.” A memorial service was held on March 19 in Kenilworth, Ill., at the Kenilworth Union Church.



JOSEPH S. WRIGHT

Havre Daily News, April 26, 1968

Check back next week to read about the 2023 recipients Pam Veis and Kurt Johnson! If you or you know of a fellow Northern Alum that should be featured, please send me an e-mail at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com

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