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Integrated Health Sciences Video



Dr. Chad Spangler talks all about the Integrated Health Sciences program, including the updated name, curriculum, facilities, and equipment.

Alumni Auction Funds 12 Scholarships



On October 27th the Northern Alumni Foundation hosted their annual Alumni paddle auction in the SUB Ballroom to raise money for student scholarships. The Auction featured five tables of Silent Auction items and over 50 paddle auction items. The Foundation reached its goal in raising enough money to fund 12 athletic and academic scholarships. They are incredibly thankful to all the businesses and individuals who donated to the auction and to all the volunteers who spent countless hours to help make this event possible.

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MSU-Northern Hosts MPSEOC Counselor Update



Last week, (Oct. 24) MSU-Northern was one of 9 sites around the state that hosted local high school counsellors for a live Zoom call in an information packed learning session. The other sites that hosted these calls were in Kalispell, Missoula, Helena, Great Falls, Bozeman, Billings, Miles City, and Glasgow. During the meeting, all 26 Montana Colleges and University MPSEOC members gave a 5-7 minute presentation about the top five things happening on their campuses. This event has been a great way to reach the majority of counselors across the state each year. It also represents one more way that MSU-Northern is being promoted across the state.

MSU-Northern Enjoys Halloween Activities



Here are just a few of the many students, staff and faculty who dressed up for Halloween. This year there were several Halloween options for people take part in. These activities included costume contest, the trunk or treat event, and a carnival.

The winners of this year's costume contest were:

- The "Golden Pumpkin" winner was Val Guyant
- Department winner was student services (Amber Spring, Taryn Wallon, Sue Solomon)
- Student winner was Raven

Trunk or Treat got moved to the SUB due to bad weather, but hundreds of kids from Havre and the surrounding area came to enjoy trick-or-treating goodies and games with Northern's students and athletes. There was representation from seven teams (Men's and Women's Rodeo, Men's and Women's Basketball, Wrestling, Volleyball, and Men's and Women's Cross Country) as

well as several campus clubs and organizations. There was also a Halloween Carnival in MacKenzie and Morgan Hall lounges.

Skylights Volleyball Team Honors Breast Cancer Survivors



Last Thursday's, Oct. 26, the Skylights Volleyball team hosted their annual "Pink Night" to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The team sold Pink Night T-Shirts at the door for 20.00 which included admission to the match. Before their match against Montana Tech, the Skylights recognized anyone in attendance that is currently fighting or survived breast cancer by giving them a flower. All money raised was donated to the Havre Women's Golf Association Assistance Fund which helps support individuals residing on the hi-line who have an active cancer diagnosis.

Pat Blankenship Awarded Pure Gold

Pat Blankenship makes Student Support Services a welcoming place. Pat is the first staff person students, faculty, and staff interact with when coming into Student Support Services, and she makes everyone feel at ease. Amidst significant staff turnover in SSS, Pat has been a constant, positive, and steadying force for over 7 years. She helps ensure that our current programming is intentional and well thought out and is absolutely tenacious about meeting the requirements of the grant. She has been instrumental in SSS grant management and in service on the university's tutoring committee. Good job Pat, you make Northern proud!



Dr. Valerie Guyant Starts Brown Bag Lectures



MSU-Northern kicked off its Fall 2023 Brown Bag Lecture Series with a presentation by Dr. Valerie Guyant, Associate Professor of English. The lecture was titled “Vampires & Other Blood Drinkers: Take a Bite Out of Literary History Across Time and Cultures.” She examined the historical differences between the vampire we tend to imagine and blood drinkers in other parts of the world. She also examined how people’s perceptions have changed over time and across cultures, from seeing the vampire as a brainless demon to a romantic hero.

Preservation Commission Honors Pershing Hall



Photos by: Havre Daily News/Patrick Johnston and Debbie Vendeberg

Havre/Hill County Historic Preservation Commission members (L to R) Wade Bitz, Jillian Allen, Debbie Vendeberg, and Becki Miller present Chancellor Greg Kegel with the historic preservation ornament depicting Pershing Hall. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Preservation Commission presented Chancellor Greg Kegel with this year's commemorative tree decoration of Pershing Hall. The Havre/Hill County Preservation Commission is selling its 2023 Christmas ornaments of Pershing Hall at Montana State University-Northern, presenting the first of the ornaments to Northern Chancellor Greg Kegel Wednesday afternoon.

Every year, the commission honors a historic building or location in the area, having a Christmas ornament designed to commemorate it and its historic and cultural importance to the area, and this year the recipient was Pershing Hall, which they have been waiting for a chance to honor. Pershing Hall was the second building built on the campus of MSU-Northern (formally Northern Montana College).

Both ornaments will be on sale in the MSU-Northern Book Store

- The Donaldson ornament will sell for \$15.00
- The new Pershing Hall ornament will sell for \$20.00

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TouroCOM Talks with Students About Opportunities Upon Graduation



Three representatives (Pamela Broyles, Nadine Gjerde, and Sandy Johnsrud) from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM Great Falls, MT Campus) were on campus Wednesday, Nov. 1, to talk to level 1 Nursing students and Integrated Health Science students about the many opportunities available to them at TouroCOM Montana when they graduate with a BA in Health Science or Nursing. Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine is located in Great Falls, Montana, and is the most recent addition to the Touro University system.

MSU-Northern is currently finalizing an articulation agreement with TouroCOM that will allow our graduates to receive preferential consideration into Touro's one-year Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies in Biological and Physical Sciences. Students who pass that master's degree have the opportunity to directly matriculate into the next Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) cohort if certain benchmarks are met.

TouroCOM is part of Touro University which is a private Jewish university system headquartered in New York City, with branches throughout the United States as well as Germany, Israel, and Russia. Its main campus in New York City is the largest private Jewish university in the US. Touro initially focused on higher education for the Jewish community, but it now serves a diverse population of over 19,000 students across 35 schools.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Update

Recent Guest Speaker - On October 4, the MSU-Northern office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hosted an online presentation with Rabbi Laurie Franklin on Anti-Semitism. She gave great insights into the history of the Jewish people and that the term Jew describes a nationality, a religion or a moral standard.

November is American Heritage Month - We celebrate and honor the cultures, traditions and histories of all Native People living in the United States. This is a good time to pay respect to Native Americans and their contributions to American History. It is also a day to encourage schools to increase their understanding of Native American history.

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance and a day to remember those lost due to violence because of transphobia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2024 BEGINS THIS WEEK

- Nov. 1 - for graduate & post-baccalaureate students
- Nov. 2 - for seniors (students who have earned 90+ credits)
- Nov. 6 - for juniors (students who have earned 60+ credits)
- Nov. 8 - for sophomores (students who have earned 30+ credits)
- Nov. 13 - for 1st year students (students who have earned <30 credits)
- Nov. 17 - new students

UPCOMING EVENTS

Modern Machinery Days – Nov. 6-8

Attention Diesel and Ag Mechanic students – Modern Machinery will be on campus next week to host their Modern Machinery Days. They are bringing 13 people from Modern Machinery to conduct an info session, equipment training sessions, and interview potential employees. Everything begins Monday (Nov. 6) at 4 pm with an Info Session in the SUB Ballroom, so don't miss it! On Tuesday, they will be doing equipment training sessions in the DTC. They will also be conducting interviews on Tuesday or Wednesday. Please sign up for an interview on Career Express. Modern Machinery is a valued corporate partner and is a great company to consider.

Modern Machinery began in 1944 with a single location in Spokane, Washington. Today, Modern operates full-service branches in Missoula, Billings, and Columbia Falls, Montana; Boise, Jerome, and Pocatello, Idaho; Kent, Spokane, and Rochester, Washington; and Portland and Eugene, Oregon.

MSU-Northern Community Orchestra Presents an Evening of Jazz – Nov. 9



The MSU-Northern Community Orchestra is all set to captivate audiences with an enchanting evening of melodious jazz tunes. The highly anticipated event, titled "Big Jazz on Campus," will be directed by Rhonda Minnick and will take place at the MSU-Northern Little Theater on Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. The evening will provide an excellent opportunity for music enthusiasts and the local community to immerse themselves in the magic of live jazz music.

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Newsies the Musical – Nov. 16-19 & 24-25

Joyce and Charles Finn presents: the Montana Actors' Theatre Youth Production of Disney's Broadway musical, "Newsies" in the Havre High Theatre on November 16-18 & 24-25 at 7 pm and November 18-19 & 25 at 2 pm.

Step into the vibrant world of "NEWSIES," where a band of courageous newsboys takes center stage, defying the odds and fighting for justice. Based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this Tony Award-winning musical is a triumph of heart, soul, and unbreakable spirit. With show-stopping choreography, unforgettable melodies, and a story that will touch your heart, NEWSIES is a theatrical sensation not to be missed.

Music by ALAN MENKEN - Lyrics by JACK FELDMAN- Book by HARVEY FIERSTEIN

Based on the Disney Film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White

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

Puss in Boots – Dec. 8-9, 14-16 & 21-23

Get ready to embark on an enchanting journey like no other with the most charming feline in the land! Join us for an unforgettable Christmas Panto experience as we bring you the timeless tale of Puss in Boots in a dazzling holiday twist.

This Christmas Panto is presented by Frank and Bettie Barber in the MSU-Northern Little Theatre on December 8-9, 14-16, & 21-23 7pm

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CALENDAR

Friday, November 3

- MAT Presents: The Highway2men Tribute Concert - 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 4

- Lights Football vs Montana Tech - 12:00 PM
- Skylights Volleyball vs Rocky Mountain College - 6:00 PM
- MAT Presents: The Highway2men Tribute Concert - 7:30 PM

Monday, November 6

- Registration for Spring Semester 2024 - Juniors
- Modern Machinery Days Info Session – SUB Ballroom - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 7

- Modern Machinery Days – Equipment Training Sessions – DTC

Wednesday, November 8

- Registration for Spring Semester 2024 - Sophomores
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting 7:00 PM
- Modern Machinery Days – Interviews (see Career Express)

Friday, November 10

- Fall Deferred Payment Schedule: 100% Due
- Holiday ~ Veterans Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed

Saturday, November 11

- Lights Football @ Rocky Mountain College - 1:00 PM

Monday, November 13

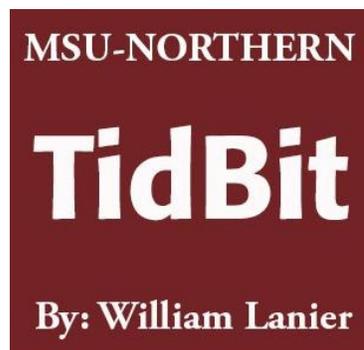
- Registration for Spring Semester 2024 - Freshmen

Wednesday, November 15

- Red Cross Blood Draw – SUB - 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- ASMSUN Student Senate Meeting - 7:00 PM

Friday, November 17

- Registration for Spring Semester 2024 - New Students



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Alumni Connections

One of the things that I enjoy is seeing Northern Alumni years after they have left Northern and seeing the things that they have accomplished. Many times, that includes their children as well.



This year the MSU Women's Hockey Team has 17 members on their team. Out of those 17 only four are from Montana and 2 are from Havre. These two former Havre Ice Hawks are Oliva Albrecht and Mackenzie Kuhn. They grew up together playing hockey in Havre and have made the MSU Women's Hockey team. Both of these student athletes have parents that went to school at Northern and graduated from Northern. Oliva is the daughter of Brian Albrecht and Shauna Lyons

(Lindquist) and Mackenzie Kuhn is the daughter of Jerry Kuhn and Jessie Kuhn (Dugdale).

The Northern connections do not end there. Mackenzie's aunt is Becky Toth who was the Food Service Director at Northern, Mackenzie's Grandfather Greg Dugdale attended Northern and her brother Dylan is a current Northern Student. Oliva's Grandfather John Albrecht also attended Northern. John played football and basketball for the Northern Lights. Her mom Shauna also worked at Northern in several capacities and is currently the Director of Accounting & Budget at Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education for the Montana University System.





Special congratulations to Greg Dugdale who was recently named the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation Volunteer of the Year.

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