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Nursing Workshop Equips Students for Professional Transition



In an effort to assist nursing students in navigating the transition from academia to professional practice, the College of Health Sciences' nursing department hosted a full-day workshop on Tuesday, February 6. Level II nursing students from MSU-Northern and Aaniiih Nakoda College gathered to glean insights and resources for their upcoming journey into the nursing profession.

Keynote speakers included Missy Poortenga from the Montana Board of Nursing's Helena office, who provided invaluable guidance on the NCLEX examination process and post-graduation expectations. Shilo Fink of the Havre Job Service enlightened attendees about available grants to help NCLEX testing expenses and associated travel and accommodation costs.

Megan Hamilton, a registered nurse from St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, addressed the afternoon sessions. Hamilton tackled essential topics, including

successful onboarding to one's first nursing position, navigating difficult conversations, and strategies for thriving in the demanding field of nursing.

A Q&A panel discussion made up of past RN graduates afforded students the opportunity to gain firsthand experiences and seek advice from professionals in the field.

Jaime Duke, Interim Dean of Nursing, expressed enthusiasm about the workshop's success, highlighting its role in fostering camaraderie between students from different institutions, while providing essential support for their educational and professional journeys.

Faculty and Students Talk about MSU-Northern's Graphic Design Program

"I came to MSU-Northern in 2019 with 11 years of experience working in the Graphic Design field. Over the last 5 years we have spent a lot of time creating a graphic design program that teaches current technologies and relevant methodologies. Our program offers one-on-one attention from faculty that care about student outcomes. We offer face-to-face and online classes because we understand that students today need flexibility in course scheduling so that they can successfully balance their work, student and social lives." – **Mary Ward – Assistant Professor of Graphic Design**



"As a recent graduate, I am proud to say I have secured a high-level position in my field immediately after graduating, and I owe it all to the exceptional education and support I received from MSU-Northern's Graphic Design program. The program's personalized approach allowed for a lot of one-on-one attention from my educators whenever I needed it. The program was well rounded, covering all aspects of graphic design, from traditional techniques to the latest digital tools. I am proud to be a graduate of MSU-Northern's Graphic Design program, and I am confident that the skills and knowledge I gained will

continue to serve me well in my new career."

Mikayla Connelly – MSU-Northern Graphic Design Grad

“The Graphic Design program at MSU Northern is top notch and above all has the benefit of smaller class sizes which I believe is a big advantage and is instrumental while learning graphic design programs, and gave me a huge step forward compared to others when entering the job market. I currently am a graphic designer and installer and run an inhouse sign shop for the Colorado Rockies Baseball team. I do all sorts of various projects for in and around the stadium, from large scale building and window graphics to event signage and advertising. I was formerly a designer and installer at a sign company where I did full logo, billboard, business, and vehicle wrap designs as well as installation and everything in between.”



Tyler Sheppard – MSU-Northern Graphic Design Grad

HILL COUNTRY REVUE VARIETY SHOW – A Fun Evening Out



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to present A variety show in the vein of Hee-Haw, Saturday Night Live and Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In. This production will feature a weekly Local Musician playing original music with comic interludes commenting on life in Havre and the Hi-Line. Get ready for an

unforgettable evening of music, laughter, and entertainment as we bring together the finest local talents in one spectacular event!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Scholarship Deadline Extended to March 1, 2024

The Northern Alumni Foundation offers 23 scholarships that require a separate application. There are scholarships for agriculture, diesel/automotive, education, nursing, and other miscellaneous non-degree specific scholarships. Students can pick up the scholarship applications at the Foundation office located on the 3rd floor of Cowan Hall posted on the bulletin board next to Room 307. The scholarships can also be accessed at msunfoundation.org/scholarships. Any questions, please contact Marla Shulund or Toni Pedersen, Room 307 in Cowan Hall.

Important Deadlines

Feb 19th (Monday) Presidents Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)

Mar 1th (Thursday) Midterm grades due to Registrar's Office by Noon

Mar 8th-15th Spring Break Week (No classes, offices open)

Crisis Response Training Available

MSU-Northern is providing two trainings to help you get better prepared for dealing with a crisis. The sessions are called Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) & Stop the bleed-Save a life. Both sessions are being offered by Frank Zuccala in Hagener room 114 on:

- February 12
- February 26
- March 18

CRASE begins at 9 am, Stop the Bleed begins at 11 am: Attend one or both

To register, Email: Frank.Zuccala@MSUN.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS



We Love Northern Ball – Feb. 24

The “We Love Northern Ball” is the signature annual event of MSU-Northern, and tickets and tables are now on sale through the MSU-Northern Foundation. The Ball will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the Armory Gym on campus. The centerpiece of the event will be a three-course wine-pairing dinner, consisting of a Maine lobster cake appetizer, a main entrée of smoked beef brisket, and tiramisu for dessert. Those items will be paired with three incredible wines from Montana’s premier vineyard, Willow Creek Winery in Corvallis, Montana.

In addition to this amazing meal, the ball will feature live and silent auction items, and music by the Melissa Lynn Band from Great Falls. Last year, more than 210 guests attended the ball, and this year’s goal is 300. Tickets are \$100 each, or a reserved table of eight for \$900. Northern faculty, staff and students receive a 25% discount, so those tickets are \$75 each, or a reserved table for \$600

For tickets and table reservations, visit Melanie Skoyen in the Foundation office in Cowan 305, or purchase them online at msunfoundation.org

CAREER FAIR SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, February 22nd from 9am-12pm in the Armory Gym



CALENDAR

Friday, February 9

Spring Deferred Payment Schedule: 50% Due
MAT: Hill Country Revue Variety Show - 8:00 PM

Saturday, February 10

Skylights Basketball vs Montana Tech 2:00 PM
Lights Basketball vs Montana Tech - 4:00 PM
MAT: Hill Country Revue Variety Show - 8:00 PM

Thursday, February 15

Skylights Basketball @ Montana Western - 5:00 PM
Lights Basketball @ Montana Western 7:00 PM

Friday, February 16

Lights Wrestling @ CCC Tournament

Saturday, February 17

Lights Wrestling @ CCC Tournament
Skylights Basketball vs Rocky Mountain College - 2:00 PM
Lights Basketball vs Rocky Mountain College - 4:00 PM

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TidBit

By: William Lanier

(#405)

Nikolas Hunchak – All-American

Last fall in TidBit #401 in the December 1st issue I made a case that Northern punter Nikolas Hunchak should have been named 1st Team All-Conference. I felt that he was arguably one of the best punters in the entire NAIA. At the end of the season the Frontier Conference named Montana Tech punter Andrew Amos to the All-Conference 1st team All-Conference and then the NAIA also named Andrew 1st team All-American.

There was one organization outside of the NAIA that agreed with me. Jason Dannelly of Victory Sports Network named Nikolas to the Victory Sports Network NAIA Football All-American 1st Team. Montana Tech punter Andrew was named to the Honorable Mention Team. Here is a link to their All-American Team: [Victory Sports Network 2023 All-American Football Team](#)

The Victory Sports Network website states: “The VSN NAIA Football team is compiled by Jason Dannelly of the Victory Sports Network. Nominations are automatically taken from each All-Conference team in the NAIA. Input on the selections comes from coaches, SIDs and media members around the NAIA. The final selections are made by Dannelly.”

Victory Sports Network looked at the Numbers. Total Punts Nikolas 79, Andrew 26; Total yardage Nikolas 3429, Andrew 1152; Longest punt Andrew 72, Andrew 67; Number punts inside the 20-yard line Nikolas 28, Andrew 17; Fair catches Nikolas 3, Andrew 3; Touch backs Nikolas 8, Andrew 4. Neither Nikolas or Andrew had one of their punts blocked this year. The fewest number of punts in a game for Nikolas was 5 (Arizona Christian) and the most was 11 (College of Idaho). In 9 of 10 games this year Nikolas had punts over 50 yards.

As mentioned before, Nikolas Hunchak set two school records this year. First was number of punts in a season with 79 breaking Don Saisbury record of 76 punts (2007). The second record he set was punting average in a season at 43.4, thus breaking the previous record of 41.6 yards also held by Don Saisbury (2007).

Congratulations Nikolas Hunchak!

First Team Specialists

K'Vonte Baker	Friends (Kan.)	Ath	So.	Wichita, Kan.
Logan Collier	Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	RS	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.
Nikolas Hunchak	Montana State-Northern	P	Jr.	Saskatoon, Canada
Landon Reeves	OUAZ (Ariz.)	PK	Sr.	Idalou, Texas

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