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MSU-Northern Participates in National African American Read-In



On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Vande Bogart Library hosted a national read-in event in honor of Black History Month. Several people read from their favorite African American author or shared some of their favorite African American artwork. The library also had a display of African American works for people to review and read. This national initiative was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. To date, it has reached more than 6 million participants around the world.

Highlights From the We Love Northern Ball



On Saturday, Feb. 24, The MSU-Northern Foundation hosted the “We Love Northern Ball.” This is the signature annual event of MSU-Northern. The centerpiece of the event was 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 were paired with three incredible wines from Montana’s premier vineyard, Willow Creek Winery in Corvallis, Montana. In addition to this amazing meal, the ball featured live and silent auction items, and music by the Melissa Lynn Band from Great Falls. Although the final tally isn’t in, the Ball’s net proceeds will be more than \$25,000, all of which goes into student scholarships.

Lights Wrestlers Head to Nationals



Several Northern Lights Wrestlers have qualified and are participating in the NAIA National Tournament in Park City, Kansas this week! The tournament will be held at the Hartman Arena. The first round of the tournament began on February 29, and the finals can be streamed on ESPN+.

Here is the link for the schedule, visitor guide, watching live, ect.

<https://www.naia.org/sports/mwrest/2023-24/Releases/Schedule>

Here is the link to watch the bracket updates:

<https://www.trackwrestling.com/opentourn.../MainFrame.jsp...>

Tournament Results will be posted on golightsgo.com at the end of each day.

Wish your MSU-Northern Lights Good Luck!

2024 Basketball Frontier Conference Tournament



This weekend the Lights and Skylights basketball teams will be competing in the 2024 Frontier Conference Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament, presented by First Interstate Bank, in Great Falls, Montana. The tournament will occur at Pacific Steel & Recycling Arena from February 29-March 2. The tournament will feature all basketball teams from the Frontier Conference. The top two finishers in the regular season standings receive an opening-round bye. First-round games will feature the No. 4-seed facing the No. 5-seed, while the No. 3-seed will play the No. 6-seed. The first-round games will be played on February 29. The two semifinal games will take place on March 1. The two semifinal winners will play in the championship game on March 2.

Update:

Lights lost to Montana Western 45 to 63

Skylights lost to Rocky Mountain 81 to 86

State Director of Commerce Visits Campus



On Wednesday, Feb. 28, the Director of the Montana Department of Commerce, Paul Green, was on campus to meet with MSU-Northern's Chancellor Greg Kegel, Provost Jennifer Brown, and Dean of the College of Technical Sciences Steven Don. The group took a tour of the campus and discussed the many ways MSU-Northern is working on workforce development.

Commerce Director Green assumed leadership of the agency in 2024 after serving in the Montana House of Representatives. He has extensive leadership experience in the private and public sectors, as well as a strong background in economic development, serving as executive director of Two Rivers Economic Development Authority, and as a leader with the Montana Economic Developers Association. Director Green later started and ran a small business, and oversaw maintenance and civil engineering for Burlington Northern Santa Fe and the Bureau of Land Management, respectively.

MSU-Northern Hosts Second Crisis Response Training Session



MSU-Northern hosted the second training sessions for Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) & Stop the Bleed-Save a Life. Both sessions were taught by MSUN assistant professor Frank Zuccala. One more session is planned for February 26. The event is open to staff, faculty, students, and the general public. MSU-Northern strongly encourages as many to attend as possible.

Student Testimonial – Brett Westford

The following is a letter that Criminal Justice student Brett Westford sent to his professor, Dr. Jack Bieger.

“Dear Jack Bieger,
When I originally came to Northern, I was a scared young man. I did not believe in myself to pass a single class let alone be the first man in my family to earn a college degree. I want to thank you for all of your time and wisdom you have given me over these last four years. Without your guidance I don't believe I would have walked away with my degree. I have never been much for wanting to learn about anything beside how to find bigger bucks and how to catch more fish, but your classes made me finally enjoy school and provided me with a sense of direction I truly needed. Thanks to you and MSUN I have never been more excited for my future. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Brett Westford”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPLICATIONS FOR ASMSUN SENATE POSITIONS

Applications for the 2024-2025 ASMSUN Student Senate are now available, and are due by **NOON FRIDAY MARCH 22nd** (link to application below). Applications will be reviewed to ensure student applicants are eligible to run for office:

- Applicants must be current students who have paid the student activity fee;
- Applicants must plan to be enrolled at MSUN during the 24-25 school year;
- Applicants for Executive Council (ASMSUN President, Vice President, Business Manager, and Administrative Assistant) must have served at least one term on ASMSUN Student Senate;
- In accordance with the constitution, ASMSUN Senate members must maintain a 2.50 minimum cumulative GPA throughout their term of office.

[Click Here for a Student Senate Application](#)

THANK A PROFESSOR

Students, express your gratitude for the positive impact that your professors have had on the lives of those around them. Access [the form](#) and write a short note of appreciation. Your comments will be sent with a formal letter of thanks from the Provost's Office to your professor. Login with your NetID@msun.edu & password.

Important Deadlines

Mar 1th (Thursday) Midterm grades due to Registrar's Office by Noon
Mar 8th-15th Spring Break Week (No classes, offices open)

Foundation Scholarship Deadline is Today

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. For questions, please contact Marla Shulund or Toni Pedersen, Room 307 in Cowan Hall.

Nominations Now Open For the 23-24 Montana Student Volunteer Award

Now is your chance to nominate a Northern student for the Montana Student Volunteer Award. This award recognizes college student volunteers across the state who have dedicated their efforts to serving the community while also pursuing college. Recipients are recognized with a certificate from the Governor's Office at a prominent campus event as well as a virtual recognition in the spring.

NOMINEE CRITERIA:

- Students must be enrolled at a Montana Campus Compact affiliate institution.
- Students must have recent volunteer experience within the state of Montana and/or through their college.
- Students must be willing to receive the award at an agreed-upon campus event (virtual, sporting, or otherwise) we are planning a student award reception in Student Affairs in April, where this award could be presented.
- All students currently enrolled in an MTCC institution are eligible for nomination.
- Selected nominees will be vetted by the Governor's staff. If the nominee does not meet the criteria, another nominee will be selected.

Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, March 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM (MT)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crisis Response Training – March 18

MSU-Northern is providing one last training session 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. The last session is being offered by Frank Zuccala in Hagener room 114 on 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

CALENDAR

Tuesday March 4

Local Community Foundations training, SUB Ballroom, 3-5pm

Wednesday March 5

Rural Leadership Summit, MSUN Library

Monday March 11 - 15

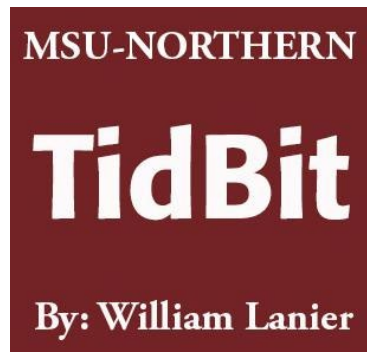
SPRING BREAK, NO CLASSES, Offices open

Tuesday March 12

KNMC open Mic & Potluck, Harvest Moon Lanes, 5pm

Wednesday March 13

2024 Economic Outlook Seminar, MSUN Campus f
Toto and Journey Concert in Billings



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Northern Wrestling by the Numbers - 2024 Edition

With the 67th Annual National NAIA National Wrestling Tournament coming up this weekend, here is my annual "Northern Wrestling by the Numbers – 2024 Edition".

1984- The year that Dr. Dave Greenwood was named the NAIA District 12 Coach of the Year. 1983- Northern finished in 17th place at the NAIA National Tournament

1982- Northern placed 22nd at the NAIA National Tournament (out of 70 teams).

1976- The year that Dr. Dave Greenwood was named the Frontier Conference Wrestling Coach of the Year.

168- Number of career wins by Isaac Bartel placing him 1st all-time in Northern history

136- Number of wins by Tyson Thivierge as Northern Light wrestler (5th all-time in Northern history)

112- Number of career pins by former Northern Light Ethan Hinebauch (most in NAIA history)
92.6% - Turk Lord's career winning percentage here at Northern (126-10)
91.1% - Emmett Willson's career winning percentage here at Northern (163-16)
91.1% - Brian Hilt's career winning percentage here at Northern (51-5) from 1982-84
90.3%- Isaac Bartel's career winning percentage here at Northern (168-18)
54- Number of years Northern has had a wrestling team (began in the fall of 1970)
50- Number of wins by former Light Emmett Willson in 2004
42- Consecutive years, Northern has had at least one All-American
40- Consecutive years, Northern has had at least two All-Americans (top 8)
40- Consecutive years, Northern has finished in the top 16 at the national tournament (1984-2023)
38- Number of Academic All-Americans Northern has produced
33- Individual national champions from Northern (4th all-time in NAIA history)
30 - Number of times Northern has finished in the top 10 at the national tournament
17- Number of times Northern has finished in the top 5 at the national tournament
14- Number of times Northern has finished in the top 3 at the national tournament
8- The number of Northern wrestlers that earned the Gorriaran Award at the NAIA National Tournament Wrestler (most all time in NAIA history).
7- Number of national championships by Turk Lords (4 individual and 3 team)
7- Number of individuals that were four-time All-Americans in the history of Northern
6- National team titles won by Northern (4th all-time in NAIA history)
5- Number of Head Coaches that have coached the Northern wrestling teams (Dr. David Greenwood, Jason Liles, David Ray, Dan Troupe and Tyson Thivierge)
5- Number of All-American finishes by Isaac Bartel
4- National individual titles won by Turk Lords
3- National individual titles won by Emmett Willson
3- Number of Northern Lights that are in the NAIA Hall of Fame (David Ray, Emmett Willson, and Turk Lords).
3- Number of Northern Lights that won a National Championship and went undefeated the same year (Randy Street, Emmett Willson, and Isaac Bartel)
2- National individual titles won by Corey Borges and Stryder Davis
1- Dan Hodge Trophy winners by Northern (Emmett Willson, still the only NAIA wrestler to ever win this award). *By the way, that was 20 years ago!*

if you have an idea for the NNN TidBit, send me an e-mail at wjlanier1963@yahoo.com .

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