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MSU-Northern Students Complete Toyota TECS Training Program



Two groups of MSU-Northern students in the automotive and diesel programs recently completed their Maintenance-Level certifications offered by Toyota of North America. Toyota developed the program to spark interest with their brand and help train upcoming technicians to work with the Toyota product line. Dave Stovall, a past graduate from the automotive program, worked closely with Northern's automotive faculty to facilitate the donation of a new refrigeration handling machine and a diagnostic scan tool. Between the certification training and the new equipment donations, MSU-Northern students are better prepared to enter the automotive industry.

Football Program Hosts Open Visit Day



The football program at MSU-Northern recently organized an Open Visit Day as part of their Spring recruitment initiatives. Fifteen prospective players attended, with six currently in the process of signing up for the upcoming year. Upon arrival, attendees participated in a campus tour and interacted with faculty and staff for their various programs of interest. Following this, they engaged in one-on-one sessions with coaches and current players to gain a better understanding of the program dynamics.

The event also featured a warm welcome from MSU-Northern's Chancellor, as well as the university's head football coach, culminating in a team Q&A session and mixer with complimentary meals at the SUB Food Court. The event was a success, and the football program is already planning similar events in the future, including the upcoming Junior Day scheduled for April 20th. Junior Day will offer high school students interested in football an opportunity to witness the annual Spring Scrimmage Game while getting acquainted with the program.

Take Northern with You

As you travel the world during Spring Break, take a photo of yourself in Northern swag/gear in front of some recognizable landmark like a sign, a mountain, an ocean, or attending an event like a concert. Email the photo along with a brief description of what you did during your spring break to potterj@msun.edu. We will feature shared photos in the March 22 NNN.

MSU-Northern Helps Train Rural Leaders



Over 60 people from around the state came to MSU-Northern to take part in the Rural Leadership Summit. Those who attended came from nonprofits, community foundations, and community leadership groups. MSU-Northern's Assistant Professor of Community Leadership, Randy Bachmeier, was one of several speakers who talked about storytelling, fundraising, volunteerism, board management, marketing and promotions. The event was hosted by Montana Nonprofit Association, Montana Community Foundation, MSU

Extension, and Hill County Community Foundation.

OTLE Holds Teaching & Learning Festival



The Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence held its annual Teaching & Learning Festival on Tuesday, Mar. 5th. The festival is a celebration of the fun and exciting things that MSU-Northern faculty do in their classrooms, and

offers those faculty an opportunity to showcase the teaching and learning strategies they employ.

This year, the speakers and their topics included:

- Joyce-Mphande Finn – Reflective Journaling as a Teaching Strategy
- Amy Smith – Community Chat
- Erin Markus – STARR-Studded Discussion Rubric
- Karyn Billmeyer – Scenario Based Learning
- Jeremy Siemens – 3D Scanning

THE QUEEN OF HILL COUNTY – Dinner Theatre



The Annual Hill County Fair kicks off and the Queen of Hill County will be crowned. The winner will have bragging rights and a wonderful prize basket donated by Tuckerson's Hardware, Guns and Embroidery Supply Store. This year is different, however, as outside forces infiltrate the contest. Californians, hippies, soccer moms and even a branch of the mafia (or a very, very, very distant cousin of the mafia) give the local ranch wives, farm ladies, church choir singers, 4H leaders and others a run for their money. Devious plans and ruthless behaviors dominate the contest to become the Queen of Hill County. A zany, fast-paced farce with four actors and about a zillion characters. This show was written by Jason Pyette, directed by Anjanett Hawk, and features Mark Cichosz, Andi Daniel, Bonnie Ortner, and TJ Schwartzkopf

This show is a traveling dinner theatre. The name of the show changes based on the county hosting the dinner

Blaine County – March 15-16

Hill County – March 22-23 and March 29-30

Toole County – April 12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Break Week

- Mar 8th-15th (No classes, offices open)
 - There will not be a Northern Network News next week
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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](#)

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

Women in History Doc Series - March

In honor of Women's History Month, the MSU-Northern Vande Bogart Library is hosting a Women in History Doc Series throughout March. Each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 3PM documentaries will be shown on the TV near the Northern Brew coffee cart. All members of the campus community are welcome to come watch and learn! Selected videos feature women of note from Montana's history as well as our national history. For more information on selected documentaries call the Library at 406-265-4140 or visit their Facebook page.

- **Tues., Mar. 5 - *A Lady in the Spotlight* (58 min)**
- **Wed., Mar. 6 - *The Story of Us: The Women Who Shaped Montana* (30 min) AND *Women's Suffrage: Crash Course U.S. History #31* (14 min)**
- **Thur., Mar. 7 - *Amelia Earhart* (53 min)**
- **Tues., Mar. 12 - *From the Ground Up: Montana Women in Agriculture* (1 hr. 22 min)**
- **Wed., Mar. 13 - *Mother Gleim: Iron-Fisted Queen of Missoula's Red-Light District* (34 min)**
- **Thur., Mar. 14 - *Women and Prohibition: When Montana Went Dry* (54 min)**
- **Tues., Mar. 19 - *Remember the Ladies* (1 hr. 6 min)**
- **Wed., Mar. 20 - *Montana Stirrups, Sage, and Shenanigans* (51 min) AND *Daphne Bugbee-Jones: Montana Modernist* (13 min)**
- **Thur., Mar. 21 - *Women in World War II: The Spies They Never Saw Coming* (45 min)**

- Tues., Mar. 26 - *Touching the Clouds with Pen and Plane* (58 min)
- Wed. Mar. 27 - *The Life and Legends of Calamity Jane* (45 min) AND *Queens of the Clouds: Montana's First Aviatrices* (57min)
- Thur., Mar. 28 - *Hidden Figures: Discussing the Women of NASA* (59 min)

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

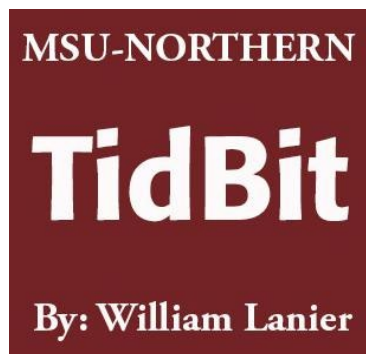
CALENDAR

March 11-15 Spring Break

- No classes, offices open

March 13

- 2024 Economic Outlook Seminar – Hensler Auditorium – 8:00 am
 - Toto and Journey Concert - Billings
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Northern Alumni - Ted Hill

This week I am going to High-Light Northern Alumni Ted Hill. Ted is now in his 19th year as head coach of the Laurel Locomotives wrestling team. Last month Coach Hill's Locomotives won the State Class A wrestling championship. This is his second state championship with the

Locomotives! Here is the NNN TidBit from **January 20, 2017 (#222)**.

This week I want to feature Northern Alumni, Mr. Ted Hill. Ted was a two-time All-American for the Northern Wrestling Team, placing 5th at 134 pounds in 1996 and 4th at 142 pounds in 1997. Each of those

years, Ted was also recognized as an Academic All-American. In 1997 Ted Hill was a recipient of a MSU-Northern Student Excellence Award. Ted is in his 12th year as the wrestling coach at Laurel High School in Laurel Montana and he was the High School Coach for current Light, Tommy Cooper. In 2011 Coach Hill's Laurel Locomotives, captured the Class A State Championship. But Coach Hill's claim to fame is Abi Gontarek. In 2014 Abi became the first female to place at the Montana State Wrestling Tournament when she took 5th place at 98 pounds. Then earlier this week Abi Gontarek became the first female to sign to wrestle for a Montana College when she signed to wrestle of the UGF Argos new women's wrestling team. Ted is married to Northern Alumni, Cheryl Ingle Hill. Great job Coach Hill!!!



Coach Ted Hill at the State A Wrestling Tournament
Photo from 406 Sports (<https://406mtsports.com/>)



Cheryl & Ted Hill and family.

Congratulations Coach Hill and the Laurel Locomotives on their 2024 State A wrestling championship.

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