RN Students - Highest Pass Rate

MSU-Northern received a letter from the Montana Board of Nursing, stating that Northern's Registered Nursing students NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2008 was 94.74%. This was the highest pass rate in the state! The National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®), are the two examinations used by the Board of Nursing to test entry-level nursing competence of candidates for licensure as Registered Nurses and as Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses. Congratulations to our Nursing instructors.

We Love Northern Ball - Huge Success

Saturday's We Love Northern Ball was a huge success with over 300 people in attendance and a record number of auction items available. A conservative estimate places the profits for the evening at between $20-$25 thousand dollars raised for student scholarships. We want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the evening a huge success and for the generous support by the participants.

Upcoming Events

President's Day
February 16, 2009
Campus Closed

Tidbits
by Bill Lanier

The "We Love Northern Ball" was held this past Saturday for the 23rd consecutive year. The past two years the "Ball" has generated more than $50,000.00 in scholarships for MSU-Northern students.

Computer Tips
Outlook Blocks Pictures
By Marianne Hoppe

When Outlook blocks automatic picture downloading to help protect your privacy, the InfoBar banner near the top of an open e-mail message tells you that pictures (or other content) were not downloaded. You will also see red X placeholders in the message.
Campus Talent Show Winners
Seventy five plus students packed themselves into the SUB Student Lounge Thursday night for Program Council's spring semester Talent Show. Although we had only three entries for the competition, they were all extremely talented. The judges consisted of Program Council Coordinator Trevor McCullough, and students Tyler Manolis, Yana Khgey and Anthony Tate. The voting was close, but Sierra Diehl came out on top with Jordan Smith & Chris Buskirk in second place and Kameron Gilham & Carlos Morales taking a very close third. Prizes were awarded to all participants.

Dolezal Earns Doctorate
Congratulations to Stacey Dolezal who received word that she has earned her doctorate degree (Ed.D) from Walden University in Teacher Leadership. As part of her Doctoral program she conducted a study to clarify the relationship between levels of instructor experience and the perceived benefits and successes found in using Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) in Pre-service Teacher Education (PTEs). Her findings showed that in Montana there is no difference between the level of experience and tenure in terms of perceived benefits and success.

Dolezal was raised in Havre, MT. where she graduated from Havre High School. She then moved to Bozeman to attend MSU. While there she got a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Her first teaching job was in Fontana, California. She taught 2nd grade and GATE for 4 years. While teaching she went back to school at Azusa Pacific and received her Masters in Educational Technology. Eventually, she moved north to San Jose, California where she taught 2nd and 4th grade for another four years.

She is currently employed at Montana State University Northern. She has been working in the education department as an assistant professor. She teaches a number of technology classes, diversity and classroom management courses, and graduate classes.

College Goal Sunday
MSU-Northern will be host to College Goal Sunday which is a nationwide event held every year in February. Financial Aid experts and other volunteers will be on hand to help current and future students complete their financial aid applications (FAFSA) on-line for the upcoming school year. Students and parents will have a choice of two days to participate—Wednesday, February 18th from 1pm-
8pm or Sunday February 22nd from 1pm-4pm in the computer lab in the basement of the VandeBogart Library. Students who participate are eligible to win a $500 Scholarship so spread the word and plan to attend!

Career Center News
Are you looking for permanent employment after graduation or seeking a summer internship? Here are a few upcoming job fairs around the state. For further details, visit our website http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/career/happenings.htm.

Career Fitness Fair 2009 Feb. 12th MSU-Billings
3rd Annual Skilled Trades Career Fair Feb. 24th MSU-GFCOT
20th Annual Big Sky Career Fair Feb. 25th U of M
4th Annual "Almost" Spring Job & Internship Fair Feb. 26th MSU-Bozeman
Teacher Recruitment Interviews 2009 - Apr. 24th MSU-Billings
24th Annual Multi-State Educators’ Career Fair - Apr. 26th-27th U of M

Student Excellence Awards
Once again it is that time of year to submit your nominations for the Student Excellence Awards. We will be honoring 10 recipients at the annual Awards Convocation on April 3rd. To nominate a student, a nomination form MUST BE completed and returned to Bill Lanier by Thursday, February 11, 2009. For a nomination form please go to: http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/asstdeanstus/docs/ExcellenceNominationForm.doc

For more information regarding the Student Excellence Awards please go to: http://www.msun.edu/stuaffairs/asstdeanstus/excellence/index.htm

In the coming weeks, nomination forms will also be placed in mail boxes in Cowan Hall. Forms will also be made available at the information desk in the SUB, Cowan Hall 213 or by contacting Bill Lanier.

Upcoming Events

Feb 9
Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Faculty/Staff Open Forum with the Chancellor 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM
ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM
I/R 5 on 5 Basketball 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Feb 10
Wall Climbing 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
I/R 5 on 5 Basketball 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Feb 11
Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Lights Wrestling @ University of Great Falls 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Feb 12
Career Fitness Fair 2009 (MSU-Billings)
"Singled Out" Dating Game 7:00 PM
ChiAlpha Meeting 7:00 PM
Lights Wrestling @ Dickinson State 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Feb 13
Get your Northern Showcase Concert Association tickets half off
Step Aerobics 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Yoga 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Feb 14
Library CLOSED
Cheerleading Camp 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Skylights Basketball vs. University of Great Falls 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Lights Basketball vs. University of Great Falls 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Feb 15
Library CLOSED

Feb 16
President's Day ~ No Classes, Offices Closed
Library Hours: 1pm-9pm 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM
IOC Club Meeting 5:00 PM - 5:15 PM
ASMSUN Senate Meeting 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM