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This Past Week

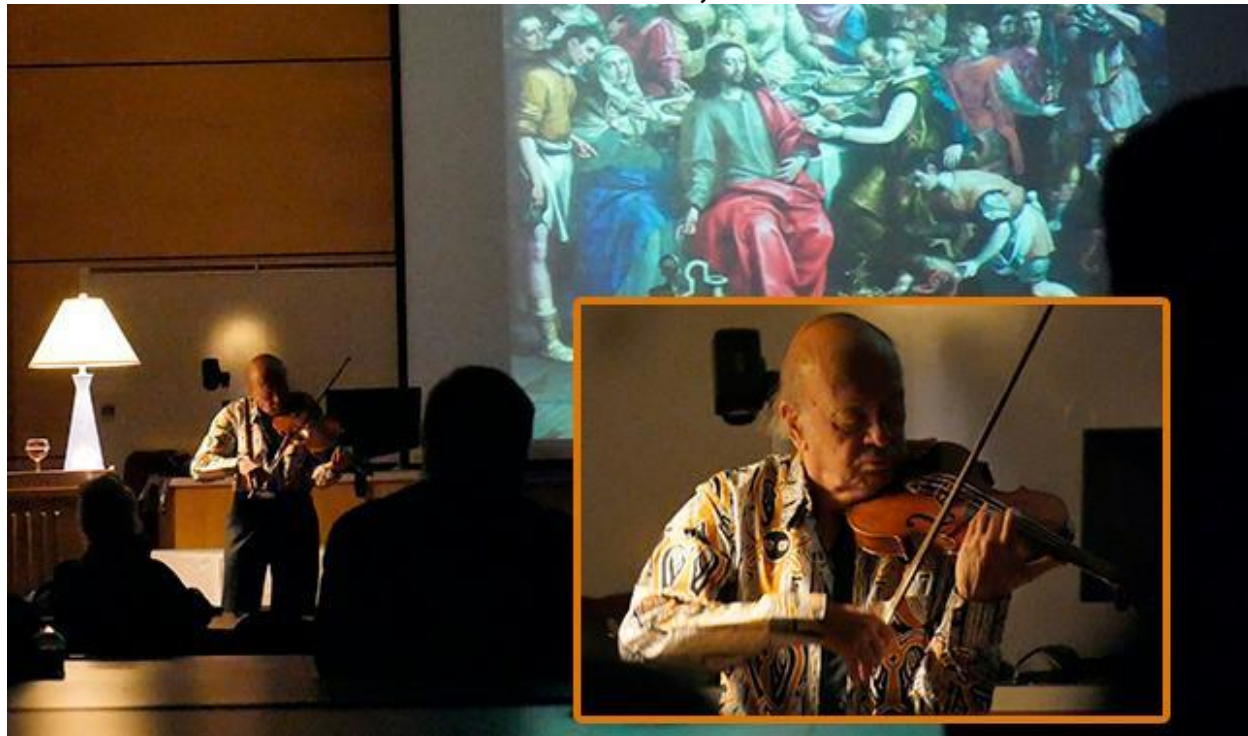
Northern's Nursing Program Earns National Accreditation

Following a rigorous evaluation in the fall of 2015, Montana State University-Northern was granted continuing accreditation for their nursing programs.

As of early March, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) has granted continuing accreditation to both MSU-Northern's baccalaureate and associate nursing programs with the next evaluation visit scheduled for the spring of 2021.

ACEN's announcement of this full accreditation is a reflection of their review and evaluation of Northern's rural frontier nursing educational practices and the commitment of its faculty.

Jack Glatzer Provides a Toast to Music, Art and Wine



The Montana State University-Northern Chancellor's Lecture Series proudly presented world-class violinist, Jack Glatzer. Glatzer is a concert violinist who has traveled the world playing his violin. As a result of his travels, he has been able to visit some of the world's finest wineries and museums. He presented a unique focus on wine and the cultural significances that wine has played on art, music, and culture. This was Glatzer's fifth visit to Northern, and he continues to awe audiences every time he returns.

Student Video Spotlight - Joe Vernon

By Will Vernon



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The Northern Network News is pleased to present a new feature we are calling our Student Video Spotlight. We are sharing this video with you as a sneak peek into what we hope will become a monthly feature in next year's NNN. So tell us what you like or what you would like to see in this column. We are also looking for names of students who have a compelling story you think others will enjoy.

Ambassadors' Trivia Night



Northern's Ambassadors hosted a trivia night Wednesday in Morgan Hall. Students enjoyed the friendly competition against their roommates, friends, and peers.

Waffle Wednesday



This week, Chi Alpha held its final Waffle Wednesday for the school year. Students gathered for free waffles and enjoyed snacks and time with friends.

2015-2016 Student Excellence Award Winners

This morning, the following students will receive their Student Excellence Award during the 2016 MSU-Northern Annual Awards Day Celebration. Here is some more information about each of these exceptional students:

Rachelle Bennett will be graduating with a degree in elementary education and minors in reading and art after she completes her student teaching in Helena this fall. She hopes to teach 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade but will be happy with any grade level to begin her career. Bennett wants to earn her master's degree in administration, as she would like to become a principal within the next five to ten years of her career. In the meantime, she plans on coaching high school girls' basketball, sharing her passion for the game with others. She is the daughter of Colette LeMieux.

Hunter Chandler graduates in May with a degree in health and physical education. Chandler plans to become a full-time teacher and coach in Montana. He would like to coach football, wrestling, and track throughout the school year. Chandler hopes to inspire his students and athletes to excel in all facets of life. Inspired by his former wrestling coach, Nate Laslovich, and a teacher/coach at Bozeman High School, Chandler decided to pursue a similar life path. He hopes one day to have a similar impact in kids' lives. Chandler's parents are Scott Chandler and Kim Lee.

Garrett DeMers is two-time NAIA All-American, Academic All-American and team captain of the Lights Wrestling team. DeMers will receive his degree in business administration with a minor in small business management this May. He plans to work for an established, ethical, and socially responsible company that promotes employee advancement and growth. His spouse is Brittany Schoening.

Shana Henry plans to teach on or near the Rocky Boy Reservation when she completes her elementary education degree in May 2017. After teaching for a while, she would like to return to Northern for a master's in counseling. Henry would love to teach at Stone Child College within the education department. Her third goal is to earn a doctorate in education so she can show other women or people from her reservation that achieving a quality education is possible, no matter where you come

from. Believing everyone should be afforded the opportunity to read and write, her ultimate goal is to give back to her people in the form of education.

Matt McKeen will graduate in May with a degree in health and physical education. McKeen's goals after graduation are to obtain a full-time health and physical education position which utilizes his academic and life experiences. He also hopes to obtain a football coaching position where he can create the balance between winning and education. He is the son of Lorraine and Tim McKeen.

Kyla McNamara plans to graduate in May of 2017 with a degree in agricultural operations technology and a minor in small business management. After graduation, she wants to pursue a master's degree in soil science or pathology/entomology. Until then, she hopes to find a hands-on job where she can learn and gain more experience in agriculture. Eventually, McNamara plans to have her own farming operation to make her own waves in agriculture. She would like to stay in Montana, as this is a hub of agricultural opportunities.

Andrew Potter is graduating this summer with a degree in health promotion. He has played an active role during his time at Northern. He spent two years on the Student Senate and was the Student Body president his sophomore year. He was also instrumental in starting the dance club and was an Academic All-Conference member of the cross country team. He plans to continue his education so he can become a nurse with a specialty in trauma. After a few years of experience, Potter would like to work as a traveling nurse and then help on Mercy Ships, who bring surgical care to needy people all around the world. He is the son of Belinda and Jim Potter.

Kilby "KJ" Rech has been the co-captain of the Lights Basketball team for two years and plans to graduate in December 2016 with a degree in health promotion. Rech has volunteered throughout his college career and was the Trapper Award for Excellence recipient. This award is given out to a student who exemplifies hard work in athletics, in the classroom, and in the community. He is the son of Callie and Clint Rech.

Lane Urick will be graduating in May of 2017 majoring in civil engineering technology. After graduation, Urick plans to join the Sea Bees, which is the construction branch, of the Navy. Urick wants to gain real life experience and other skills taught by the Navy. He plans to continue his education by getting a master's degree in an engineering field after his time with the Navy and eventually his doctorate in an engineering field. After completing his master's or doctorate, he wants to become an instructor and pass on his knowledge to the younger generations through teaching and, hopefully, coaching. He is the son of Debbie and Joe Urick.

Phillip Quinn is in the Masters of Education, Counselor Education Program and will be graduating this May. Quinn's primary goal is to acquire licensure as a licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC). His plan is to practice outpatient therapy until he reaches his required 3,000 hours. Quinn hopes to have an outpatient practice of his own working with children, families, and adults. Prior to this phase of life, Quinn wants to continue advancing his career with his current employer developing his therapy skills, quality of service, and moving into a supervisory role. This will allow more clinical training of others, and he will be able to share his skills and knowledge garnered through his education and experience. In the next few years, he hopes to pursue his doctorate in counseling psychology. He is married to Tiffany Quinn.

Important Announcements

Student Senate Elections

Student Senate elections are taking place now. They began on the 12th and will continue until the 18th. Go online now, and cast your vote for Northern's future leaders.

To vote, visit: <http://www.montana.edu/vote/asmsu-northern>

Exit Counseling Sessions for Spring Graduates- Apr. 19 & 20

Attention spring graduates: federal regulations require any student who received a federal student loan to attend an exit counseling session upon completion of his or her program. The upcoming exit counseling sessions will take place on Tuesday, April 19 at 12 p.m., 3 p.m., and 6 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 20 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. in the library computer lab B. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact Karen Terrell at 265-3776 or stop by Cowan Hall 213 G (Financial Aid Office) to set up an appointment.

Attention Summer Co-op Students!

YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, April 19 at 12 noon
- Wednesday, April 20 at 3 p.m.
- Friday, April 22 at 10 a.m.

Held in the Library Computer Lab

Graduation Garb- a Reminder for Spring 2016 Graduates

Do not forget to reserve your graduation cap, gown, and tassel for the upcoming graduation ceremony to be held on May 7, 2016. To place your order, please visit the MSU-Northern Bookstore (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday), you can also download and email the order form to bookstore@msun.edu, or you can place a phone order by calling 406-265-3728. Since the March 6 deadline has passed, orders will now incur an additional \$5.00 charge.

Continuing MSUN Students

**Complete your 2016-2017 FAFSA
By April 15th**

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**You will be entered to win a \$250 gift certificate
to the MSUN Bookstore**

Go to fafsa.gov today!

Questions? Call 265-3787 or stop by the Financial Aid office

Faculty Workshops

Tech Snacks: New Release Conditions in D2L

Tech Snacks are 15-minute professional development workshops for MSU-Northern faculty.

This week's topic: New Release Conditions in D2L. With D2L Release Conditions, you can open and reveal course content, discussion forums, quizzes, dropboxes, even grade items, based on student behavior and performance.

Release conditions can create immediate, automated feedback for students. You can use them to make sure students look at the syllabus and know how to use course tools, or to have them sign "classroom contracts."

Recently D2L created some new release conditions based on what students HAVEN'T done! Want students to see reminder messages if they haven't read the syllabus or submitted an assignment? Now you can.

Tech Snacks is happening Friday, April the 15th at 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. in Cowan Hall, Room 112, and again at 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Brockmann Center conference room.

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference - April 28-29

The Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference, hosted at MSU-Northern, is intended to showcase personal experiences, recent research, and current events that impact the lives of Native American students, their families, and their communities in Montana and across Indian Country.

The Little River Institute invites both students and faculty at Northern, at high schools, and universities across the region, to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. For more information, including the Request for Proposal forms, contact Erica McKeon-Hanson at erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu or visit www.littleriverinstitute.org.

Quality Matters - Anytime Online

Quality Matters (QM) is an organization devoted to effective design in online learning. QM offers professional development workshops and certifications that are available to instructors anytime online. QM also has a system by which instructors can get peer feedback on their online or blended courses. If you are interested, please contact Caleb Hutchins in Extended University.

Upcoming Activities

Awards Day Celebration - April 15

Please plan to attend the yearly Awards Day Celebration. It's taking place today from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the SUB. Come support the Northern family and celebrate the recipients of scholarships, Student Excellence Awards, and Golden N Awards.

To Kill a Mockingbird MAT Show Continues- April 15-16, 21-23



MAT's rendition of Harper Lee's classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*, directed by Donald Mayer, will be shown April 14-16, 21-23. Evening shows begin at 8 p.m. The doors and backstage lounge open 30 minutes before each show. Adult tickets cost \$15. Seniors, students, and military tickets are \$10. MSU-Northern

students can attend for free with their current student I.D.s. This play includes adult themes, and may not be suitable for young audiences.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Ribbons for each of these specified weeks are available at the SUB info desk, the library coffee cart, and Student Central in Cowan. Brought to you by the MSUN Rape Prevention Education Grant.

April 18-19: THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

This will be a visual display that bears witness to the violence against women. Come decorate a shirt to educate, document, and raise society's awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence. Materials will be available. It will take place at the SUB from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 20: MATTHEW SHEPARD IS A FRIEND OF MINE

"A moving eulogy to a life lost, but not forgotten." In 1998, University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, was brutally beaten, tied to a fence and left to die because he was gay. This documentary follows one of the most notorious hate crimes in U.S. history. This movie will show in Hensler Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on the 20th and is sponsored by MSUN Safe Zone.

April 27: HONOR DENIM DAY

Wear denim to protest the Italian Supreme Court's overruling of a 1999 rape conviction. It was overturned because the justices thought that because the woman was wearing tight jeans, she had to have helped the rapist remove her jeans, therefore implying consent. Promote the discussion of the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. #DenimDay

April 1-30: SILENT WITNESS INITIATIVE

The Silent Witness Initiative has been providing hope, help, and healing for the victims of domestic violence in Montana since 1999. Seventy-eight life-sized cutouts of Montana women and children who have been murdered by a domestic partner since 1990 will be on a display that will move around the campus throughout the month.

Havre Pride Community Cleanup Day- April 16

Join together as a community and take pride in Havre on April 16. On Saturday, many community members will be picking up trash in town and the surrounding areas. You can help too. Clean up your yard. Spiff up your business. Let's show care and commitment to our town. Bring recyclables to Pacific Steel & Recycling. Recycle clean containers with lids removed- plastics 1, 2, 4, and 5, glass, cardboard, paper, metal, batteries, light bulbs (in original boxes), and e-waste.

Northern's Havre Pride Cleanup Crew- April 16

Please join us for a chance to show your Havre Pride as we clean up our town. It only takes about an hour and is a great way to start your weekend with a little exercise and comradery with your friends. The MSU-Northern team will clean 5th Avenue and the north side of the 13th Street hill. The college will provide all the supplies necessary for clean-up. Don't forget to wear your Northern gear! Join us Saturday, April the 16th from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Meet at the parking lot next to Memorial Park (across from Tortilla Junction, formerly Taco John's). Coffee and cinnamon rolls from Grateful Bread will be available. Please RSVP to chancellor@msun.edu to ensure we have enough cinnamon rolls for all our volunteers. Thanks in advance for showing your Havre Pride!

Annual Chair at the Table Auction- April 16

Havre's HRDC is hosting its annual Chair at the Table Auction. It will take place on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 5 p.m. at the Havre Eagles Club. It's not too late to donate to this event by creating a beautiful or fun chair for the auction. You can pick up a "black canvas" chair at HRDC.

National Guard Paintball Course- Apr. 18

On Monday the 18th, the National Guard will be on the MSU-Northern campus with their "super fun" paintball course. The course will be available for participants from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the SUB lawn.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Movie- April 20

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, the MSUN Safe Zone in conjunction with the Rape Prevention Education Committee will be exhibiting the documentary, "Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine". In 1998,

Matthew Shepard was beaten, and left to die on the night of October 6. Six days later he died of severe head injuries. Significant media coverage was given to what role Shepard's sexual orientation played in the killing, since he identified as gay and his murderers gave the impression they were gay in order to gain his trust. A short discussion will follow the documentary, which will take place April 20, at 6.30 pm in Hensler. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YouTube Karaoke Night- April 20

Last spring, ASMSUN Program Council started a karaoke night once a month, and it was a huge hit. Come on down to the SUB Ballroom and sing your heart out! We don't judge. Leave the books for a couple of hours, and join in on the fun - a great stress reliever and a great time!! This event takes place on April 20 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and is sponsored by ASMSUN Program Council.

Promoting Creativity and Innovation in the Classroom - April 21

Ms. Jessica Anderson, the 2016 Montana Teacher of the Year, is on a mission to share how educators empower, elevate and exceed in the education profession. She will be sharing her insights with students, educators and community members with a talk entitled, "Promoting Creativity and Innovation in the Classroom". Ms. Anderson will give her presentation on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Hensler Auditorium on Montana State University - Northern's campus. The talk is free and all are very welcome to attend.

15th Annual Tucker Montgomery Folf Tournament- Apr. 21

Tucker Montgomery was a MSUN student from 1999-2001. During his time at Northern, he belonged to the Alternative Outdoor Sports Club that was instrumental in the planning and implementation of the MSUN Folf course. Montgomery was killed in an automobile accident in 2001. The members of the AOS Club and the MSU-Northern Intramurals & Recreation committee have continued this tournament since 2002, to honor Montgomery for his dedication, support, kindness, and generosity. The tournament will be a singles, doubles, and team event. Sign up are available at the SUB Information Desk, form to the SUB Information Desk by April 21 at 5 p.m. The competition will run from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. on the 21st. A free BBQ will follow the tournament.

MSUN Safe Zone Extension- Apr. 27

The 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., MSUN students, faculty, and staff and the community are welcome to attend the LGBTQ MSUN Safe Zone Extension group (the next meeting is April 27). The purpose of these meetings is to establish a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ individuals and allies. Meetings will include meaningful conversations and support. Both queer and heterosexuals are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the MSUN Multicultural Center at mcc@msun.edu, or call 265-3589.

MSU-Northern's Founders' Excellence Award Dinner - May 6

The Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with MSU-Northern's Founders' Excellence Award presentation ceremony on May 6 in the Student Union Building Ballroom. This year's Hall of Fame inductees are Jaci Heny ('07) and Chad Edgar ('99). The Founder's Excellence Award recipients are George Bandy and family and Tom Baker. This is a special night to honor those that have helped to make Northern a great institution. Reservations are \$30 per person and include a three course meal.

To reserve your seat or for more information, please contact the Northern Alumni Foundation Office at 406.265.3711 or alumni@msun.edu.

Weekly Columns

From the Career Center: Are You Ready to Launch Your Career?

By Mary Heller, Career Center Director

If you're a student who will be graduating in May, this article is for you. The question in the title is an important one that involves a lot of thought and probably even some further questioning. Perhaps the first thought that pops into your mind when asked if you're ready to launch your career is; "I think so...but what are you getting at, Mary?" Let me explain...

Hopefully, your years at Northern have been beneficial to you, getting that hard-earned degree and the acquired knowledge that will help you in your chosen career. There are, however, some other things that you may not have been preparing for. For example, is your resume in tip-top shape? How about your cover letter? Do you have at least three good professional references? Have you researched the job market to see who is hiring and where? If you've found a job you're interested in, have you looked into the cost of living in the area where the job is located? Finally, do you plan to get started in your career by working this summer, or are you going to take some time off?

In case you didn't know, the Career Center helps students and alumni with resume and cover letter preparation. If you need help in this area, please come see us as soon as possible, since there is little time left before the end of the semester. We can also help you research the job market and cost of living. We can't, however, force you to be proactive in your preparations. That falls completely on your shoulders.

According to several reputable career-building websites and established magazines, one of the biggest mistakes a soon-to-be college graduate can make is not being proactive in getting a jump start on his or her career. Being proactive means you've been networking in your field all along. Perhaps you participated in a co-op, internship, student teaching, clinical study, or part-time job where you met people who will either hire you or point you towards others who are hiring. You may have also attended the career fairs held on campus and met employers there to build your network connections. Planning to take the summer after graduation off is not a proactive choice. Graduates should forge ahead, and get a job in their careers. You must remember that you're not the only person who has graduated with a degree; you need to be ready to enter a world full of competition when it comes to the job market.

Please know the Career Center is here to help you launch your career. We will do all we can to help you find success, so come see Jen Henderson or Mary Heller in 213 Cowan Hall. Congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

TidBits

By Bill Lanier

Former Northern basketball player, Nate Achenbach, was recently hired to become the associate principal next year at CMR High School in Great Falls. Achenbach will join another former Light, Kerry Parsons, who is the principal at CMR. Achenbach has been the principal and athletic director at Choteau High School. He is currently number four on the all-time Northern career scoring list.

An interesting side note, back in 1985, Achenbach played on the Wyoming Team in the annual Montana-Wyoming All-Star Basketball game, and this summer, his son, Collin Achenbach, will be on the Montana Team in the Montana-Wyoming All-Star Basketball game. Achenbach is married to former Skylight volleyball player, Patty Pohle.