

NORTHERN NETWORK NEWS

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Feature Video

MSU-Northern Hosts 46th Annual SkillsUSA Competition



MSU-Northern was proud to host the 2017 SkillsUSA Montana State Leadership and Skills Conference. The event began on Monday morning April 3 and concluded with an awards ceremony on Wednesday the 5th. During that time, 325 students came from 35 Montana high schools and 2 colleges to participate in 36 different competitions.

This Past Week

Scholarship Awards Day Celebration



This year's awards ceremony was a well-attended event full of thanks and appreciation. There were 256 scholarships that were given to 188 people. The total amount given in scholarships was \$204,670.

Student Excellence Award Winners



The Student Excellence Awards were given out during last Friday's Awards Day Celebration. The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor that a student can receive at MSU-Northern. To receive the award, the students must demonstrate a commitment to educational goals through academic achievement and participation in extracurricular activities. Here are this year's Student Excellence Winners (left to right) Courtney Cota, Thomas A. Cooper, Natalee Faupel, Genasee Bass, Jaime Toscano, Gabriel A. Benavidez, Jessica Hoel, Tayla Snapp, Joshua Gomez, Brandy Tannahill, Chelsea N. Mavencamp,

Golden N Awards



The Golden "N" recipients this year were Will Taylor, Tom Welch, and Jeremy Hofman. The award is given every year by Student Senate. The winners are selected by students based on the helpfulness and overall readiness to assist students and help them achieve. The Golden "N" Award is the most prestigious award an MSU-Northern faculty or staff member can receive. Congratulations Will, Tom, and Jeremy, you make Northern proud!

Autism Awareness Campaign

"Light It Up Blue" is a campaign conducted to raise awareness about autism, and to increase support and acceptance for people with autism. The Northern Ambassadors participated in Light It Up Blue by putting fifty blue and white balloons around campus with facts about autism attached to them.

April is World Autism Month. Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as by unique strengths and differences. We now know that there is not one autism but many types, caused by different combinations of genetic and environmental influences. The term "spectrum" reflects the wide variation in challenges and strengths possessed by each person with autism.



Healthy Lifestyle Advocates Participate in NASPA Conference

On March 31 and April 1, six members of MSUN's Healthy Lifestyle Advocates (HLA) participated in the Region V NASPA conference in Billings. National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) is a national organization for student affairs professionals. Students and advisors from several campuses in Montana were there to listen to the MSU-N presentation about Project SPITT (Supporting Peers' Interest in Tobacco Termination). The HLA members presented their experiences and preliminary findings of the novel program they introduced on campus this semester.



The Northern HLA students involved in project SPITT received Peer Educator training and certification, recruited students interested in quitting tobacco, and spent the rest of the semester supporting those students in weekly meetings. Congratulations to Nealey Thompson, Courtney Cota, Gabriel Benavidez, Madelyn Drake, McKenna Barkus, and Nickie Detomasi (pictured left to right). Great presentation!

Northern Hosts Their First Annual International Poetry Reading Night



Montana State University-Northern hosted an international poetry reading night, "Voices of the Hi-Line" Tuesday evening. A number of community members, students, faculty and staff presented in languages other than modern English. Presenters spoke in eighteen languages, including French, Spanish, Old English, Malayalam, Aaniinen, Assinboine, Filipino and Mandarin. We were pleased to include presentations of published works from renowned authors as well as personal poetry from Minerva Allen and Lenore Stiffarm. In the words of one student in attendance "Even though I could not understand what the presenters were saying, just listening to the rhythm of the poetry itself was quite amazing. Also, seeing and hearing the different languages we have in our community was a very cool experience." Thank you all for your support.

Forty-First Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow



The Sweetgrass Society hosted the 41st Annual Powwow last weekend in the MSUN Armory Gymnasium. Each year, the Powwow brings hundreds of Powwow participants to the Hi-Line from places throughout the United States and Canada. The Sweetgrass Society would like to thank all of the businesses, individuals and tribes who donated in order to make the annual Powwow possible.

All-Sports Banquet Says Thank You



Northern hosted their fourth annual All-Sports banquet! The All-Sports Banquet provided an opportunity for all the Northern family to say thank you to the student-athletes for all the hard work and dedication they give MSU-Northern, and also to say thank you to the senior student athletes who will be moving on to enter the workforce and begin new chapters of their lives. Many of these seniors have been with Northern for 4 or 5 years and have strived for excellence in both their studies and their performance in their sports events.

Diesel Advisory Board

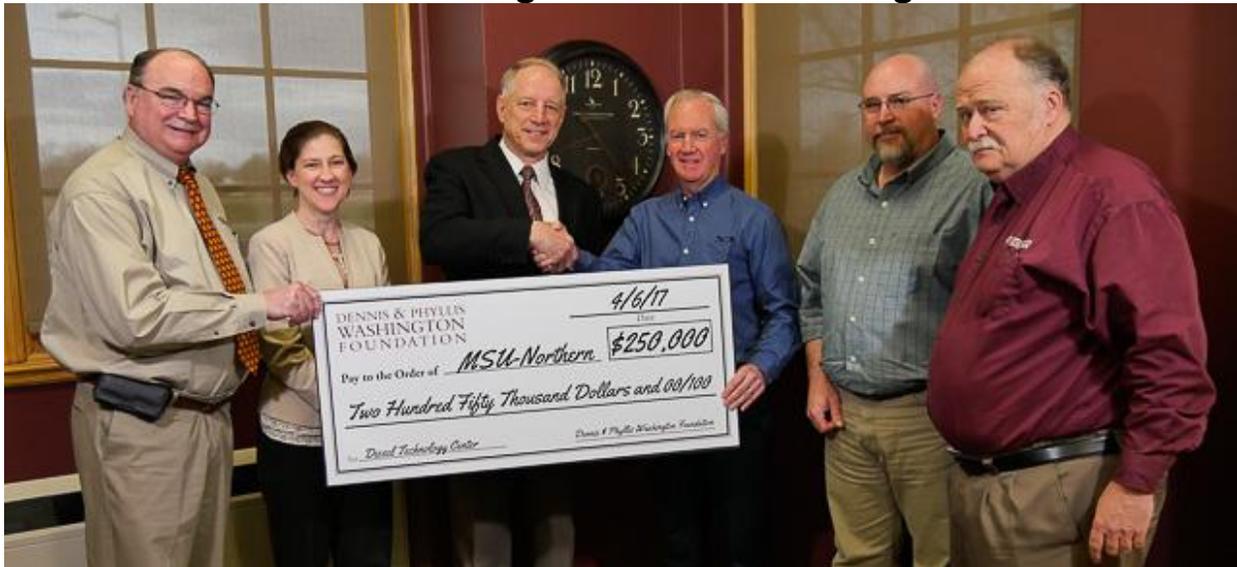


Wednesday afternoon Northern held a diesel advisory meeting. The diesel advisory board consists of a number of leaders in the agriculture, construction and mining industries that seek to hire graduates from the MSUN program. These members include mid to high-level executives from major companies in the region, state and the Pacific Northwest.

The Diesel Advisory Board was established to provide guidance, recommendations and support for improvement to the Diesel Technology program. The board meets twice annually, once in the fall and once in the spring.

During the meeting, the board was brought up to date on information from the legislative session, status of recruitment, retention, and graduation statistics and plans as well as other activities the board is assisting the program on. A significant discussion took place regarding creating a culture of safety on campus to reflect the current standards used in industry.

MSUN Fulfills \$250K Matching Grant From Washington Foundation



Montana State University-Northern received a symbolic check for \$250,000 from The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to help build the new Diesel Technology Center. This donation is the fulfillment of a matching grant issued by the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, in conjunction with Modern Machinery (a Washington Company). The challenge grant matched all new donations toward MSU-Northern's new the Diesel Technology Center project up to \$250,000. This grant is in addition to the \$1 million investment the Washington Foundation has already made to the project.

"We are very pleased to announce that we have raised the funds to fulfill this challenge grant. The matching funds came from a variety of donors, including cash gifts, pledged funds, and in-kind donations," said Jim Bennett, Executive Director of the Northern Alumni Foundation.

"We are very thankful for all the support that we have received for this project," explained Greg Kegel Chancellor of MSU-Northern. "It was great to be able to say to donors that because of this match their \$10,000 gift would become \$20,000," said Kegel.

Recognized Classifieds

By Debra Bradley and Jennifer Anderson

Karen Terrell - Financial Aid Specialist is the next "Recognize the Classified"! Cindy Small the Financial Aid Director, says that Karen loves working with students and parents when they come in to the office.

She is a great asset to Financial Aid office and also to MSU-Northern. Little hidden gems about Karen are that she likes to be outdoors, working in her flower garden which always look great. She has two daughters that live in Minnesota. One has a hobby farm with alpacas and llamas the other daughter is a professor at one of the University within the state.

Karen has one grandson named Benjamin. She loves animals especially her dog Twig and her adopted dog Zeus.



Dinner Theatre Comes to the Hi-Line



Montana Actor's Theatre is pleased to bring dinner theatre back to the Hi-Line! MAT will present the show at the Beaver Creek Golf Course for two weeks, and then travel the show to the Chinook Eagles Club. The show, entitled *Black Comedy*, is a situational comedy of errors. Sculptor Brindsley Miller has "borrowed" furniture and art from the absent antique collector next door, hoping to impress his fiancée's pompous father and a wealthy art collector. Then a fuse blows, the father arrives, the fussy neighbor returns, and the fun begins! Unexpected guests, aging spinsters, errant phone cords and other snares impede his frantic attempts to return the purloined items before light is restored. Come enjoy a great dinner and a fun and lively farce!

April 7-8 and 13-15 - Beaver Creek Golf Course, Havre
April 22-23 - Eagles Club, Chinook

Doors and no host bar open at 6 p.m.
Tickets: \$30 includes dinner and show
\$200 table of 8 if purchased in advance
Tickets are available online at mtactors.com

Artist of the Month

Her First Ride, Let Her Fly, Spirit, and Northern Rodeo Team

By Justin Goggles



To conclude the artist of the month series for this semester, the guest artist for April is Justin Goggles. Goggles is presenting a pencil collage including the pieces (clockwise) *Her First Ride*, *Let Her Fly*, *Spirit*, and *Northern Rodeo Team*. Goggles says he only paints as a hobby, "it is a very relaxing activity." In short he says, "all my grandchildren inspire me." One of his preferred themes are animals, primarily horses perhaps because he was raised on a ranch on the Wind River Reservation in Wymond, WY (he is from the Northern Arapaho nation). Goggles is also a US Army military veteran having served several years; he is also a former police officer in Browning, MT.

As far as the collage pieces, Her First Ride was inspired thanks to his granddaughter Aiyanna. Northern Rodeo Team, is about MSUN Rodeo Team. Goggles has a special place in his heart for Northern since his wife is a Northern student in the Civil Engineering program. Additionally, he participated in rodeo for several years.

Goggles has been drawing all his life, since grade school. He adds, "it is just a matter of grabbing a scrap book." He has been the artist of a couple of murals in Browning, MT, (where he resided for a few years). One of his murals was at the elementary school, and the other one in the middle school. As for the mural at the elementary school, in 1985, he was a teaching assistant. The mural was part of a project on teaching children how to draw. It was on exhibition for a few years although no longer due to repairs as time went by. It was about a Napi golden eagle representing the school. As for his work at the middle school, about ten years later (around 1995), Goggles drew a logo representing the singers/drum group of the Buffalo Stone Society. To this date, it is still proudly on display at the school gym.

The MSUN Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) invites local and regional artists to exhibit their pieces, preferably those that have some link to multicultural themes. For more information, contact mcc@msun.edu or call (406) 265-3589.

Important Announcements

No Classes next Friday (April 14) for University Day
Offices will remain open

Attention Spring Graduates!

Federal Regulations REQUIRE all students who received a Federal Student Loan to attend an Exit Counseling Session upon completion of their program. Exit Counseling Sessions are available in the Library Computer Lab B during the following times:

Monday, April 24th @ 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

You will learn about the following information: Consolidating your Federal Student Loans, Repayment Options, Forbearance, Deferments. If you are unable to attend one of these sessions please contact: Karen Terrell @ (406) 265-3776 or stop in Cowan Hall 213 G, Financial Aid Office, to set up an appointment.

Join the Team - Career Opportunities

Do you know someone who would make a great addition to the Northern team? Then check out these great opportunities.

Nursing Director - [http://myersmcray.com/skins/userfiles/files/MSUN-Nursing\(1\).pdf](http://myersmcray.com/skins/userfiles/files/MSUN-Nursing(1).pdf)

Human Resources Manager - <http://jobs.msun.edu/postings/1389>

HVAC Specialist - <http://jobs.msun.edu/postings/1383>

For more information, contact the MSUN HR office at (406) 265-4147 or hr@msun.edu. MSUN is an Equal Opportunity Employer: Veterans, Disabled.

Upcoming Activities

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Teal Ribbon Week Apr. 3-7th

Wear a teal ribbon to show your support for sexual assault awareness & prevention month. Ribbons will be available at the SUB info desk, Vande Bogart Library, and Student Central.

White Ribbon Week Apr. 10-14

This campaign was developed by men to encourage more men to be leaders in ending Sexual Assault. Sign a pledge committing to be an Active Bystander and to intervene in situations that could lead to Sexual Violence. Ribbons and pledges available to sign at the SUB info desk, the library Coffee cart, and Student Central in Cowan Hall.

The Neurobiology of Sexual Assault - Apr. 12

April 12 4:00 p.m. SUB Ballroom

Kelly Downing, of the Montana VA Health Care System will be on campus to present the findings of Dr. Rebecca Campbell about the effects of Sexual Assault trauma.

The Clothesline Project - Apr. 17

April 17-19 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Vande Bogart Library

A visual display that bears witness to violence against women. Come decorate a shirt to educate, document, and raise social awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence. Materials will be made available.

Activities Sponsored by the Rape Prevention and Education Grant

Spring Fling Annual Dinner and Auction - Apr. 7

Northern Lights Athletics Scholarship Foundation hosts the Spring Fling Annual Dinner & Auction! After an amazing dinner the NLASF presents awards of excellence to the student athletes of Montana State University-Northern. The event is held in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium Cocktails start @ 5:30 with dinner at 7 p.m. For more information contact (406) 262-8893

Jack Glatzer: "Solo Violin Recital with Integrated Art History Program" - Apr. 10

 **MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTHERN** **CHANCELLOR'S LECTURE SERIES**
MONDAY, APRIL 10 ♦ 7:30 PM
HENSLER AUDITORIUM, APPLIED TECHNOLOGY CENTER
FREE ADMISSION ♦ EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Jack Glatzer
"Solo Violin Recital
with Integration of Art History"

Returning to Havre for a sixth year and known for his wealth of instrumental beauty, world-class American violinist who resides in Portugal, Jack will perform a solo violin recital. He introduces each musical work by an informal and intimate commentary and links music to art, history, and civilization.



Monday, April 10: Applied Technology Center, Hensler Auditorium

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Leader of the Montana Big Sky Pride - Apr. 12

Kev Hamm, President of the Montana Big Sky Pride will be presenting "Social Relationships with LGBTQ Individuals in an Academic Setting and LGBTQ Rights Advocacy." This presentation is the last one of the Safe Zone series Spring semester. Hamm's first presentation is scheduled at noon in the Fireside Conference Room; then, at 6.00 pm in the Multicultural Center. In both times lunch and supper will be provided. Those who are interested, please contact the ODAMP to RSVP at mcc@msun.edu, or call 265-3589 no later than Friday, April 7 at 3.30 p.m. These presentations are open to the community and are free. Additionally, between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm the Hill County Health Department will be providing free HIV testing.

The Next Diverse Northern - April 13

The show airs every Thursday during the school year from 11.00 a.m. to noon at KNMC, 90.1 FM and online by linking to www.msun.edu/KNMC. Diverse Northern includes music in languages other than English as

well as invited guests. Like us on Facebook Diverse Northern: <https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/> and Like on Facebook KNMC: <https://www.facebook.com/KNMC-901-FM-College-Radio-132839406764397/>

If you would like more information, or you would like to participate, contact the Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) at 235-3589 or mcc@msun.edu. Currently looking to book guests for next fall, as well as readers who would like to share a summary of their favorite books in the section "Share Your Book." Attention students, also soon coming up the new section "Share Your Paper."

If you missed the live editions, you can always listen to the podcasts now available on the Diverse Northern Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DiverseNorthern/>

The Book Club Celebrates National Poetry Month with Joy Harjo - Apr. 18

April is recognized as National Poetry Month. The Office of Diversity Awareness and Multicultural Programs (ODAMP) in conjunction with the English Department are sponsoring the book discussion about How we Became Human, a poetry selection by nationally recognized Muscogee poet, musician, and author Joy Harjo. Copies might be requested at the Multicultural Center, Cowan Hall 308, every day from 8.00 am - 5.00 pm. The book discussion will take place April 18th at 5.00 pm at the Multicultural Center.

The Little River Institute - Apr. 18-19

The Little River Institute is pleased to host the 2nd Annual Indigenous Education Conference at the MSU-Northern SUB Ballroom on Tuesday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 19th from 10 am until 3 pm. The theme of the conference is Social Justice: Implementing Montana's Indian Education for All (IEFA) Act. The first day of the conference will focus on IEFA in K-12 schools while day two will look at IEFA in Higher Education. Expanded panel discussions will be included in this year's conference to facilitate IEFA dialogue. The conference is open to all students (high school and college), teachers (K-12), faculty and staff who are interested in the implementation of IEFA in Montana's K-12 schools, colleges and universities. Attendance is free and open to all. MSU-N staff and faculty are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Erica McKeon-Hanson at 265-3713 or erica.mckeonhanson@msun.edu. For conference agenda updates, please see <http://www.littleriverinstitute.org>.

2017 TekNoXpo - Apr. 20

MSU-Northern welcomes all area high school juniors & seniors! TekNoXpo is an opportunity for Montana high school students to explore their educational and career opportunities through MSU-Northern.

Book Buy Back - May 1-5

If you are looking forward to \$\$\$ for your textbooks then the MSU-Northern Bookstore is the place to be. Book Buy Back will begin Monday, May 1 and run through Friday, May 5. Book Buy Back will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day. Rental books will also need to be returned No Later than May 5.

Golf Scramble - May 4



MSUN
Postsecondary Agricultural Students
GOLF SCRAMBLE
May 4th 2017
Beaver Creek Golf Course, Havre, MT
Early Bird Registration \$250 Starting March 24th
Registration \$300 after April 20th
northernalumnifoundation.org/pasgolfsramble.html

1. Select the relevant text you are commenting on - a sentence, a paragraph, etc.
2. On the **Review** tab, click **New Comment**, or you can right-click and select **New Comment**.
3. A comment bubble will appear. Type your comment in the field.
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5. If you need to add to or edit your comment, simply click on the text and continue typing in the text field.

To reply to a comment:

1. Hover over the comment you wish to reply to.
2. Click the reply icon in the upper right corner of the comment box.
3. A reply field will appear. Type your reply in the field.
4. Click anywhere away from the comment, or press **Escape**, to complete the reply.

To mark a comment as complete:

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TidBit

By Bill Lanier

This week I want to feature Northern Alumni, Mrs. Sheila Green Gerding. In February, after 22 years as the Women's Head Basketball Coach at Minot State University, Sheila stepped down from her position. Her teams had a combined record of 360 wins and 283 losses. Sheila coached 11 All-Americans during her 22 years. When Sheila began her tenure at Minot State University, their athletic department was a member of the NAIA and since that time they have moved up to NCAA Division II. Earlier this year Skylight, Natalee Faupel, broke Sheila's Skylight career scoring mark. In 2003, Sheila Green Gerding was inducted into the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations on an outstanding coaching career Sheila, you make Northern proud!