Lights Wrestling Team Takes 2nd For Academics

For the third consecutive year, MSU-Northern’s wrestling team was honored by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) as one of the top All-Academic Teams in the NAIA. In 2017-18 they placed 3rd academically, in 2018-19 they were the NWCA All-Academic Team Champions and this season, 2019-20, they placed 2nd in the NWCA for All-Academic Teams. They were edged out of their first place standing by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University by a .029 GPA difference.

In order to be eligible for this award, teams must use 10 of the 12 guys that were participating in their Conference Championships, and then use 2 others who have wrestled varsity competition during the 20019-20 season. “Needless…I’m extremely proud of the accomplishments of this team this season,” said MSU-Northern head wrestling coach, Tyson Thivierge.

It is also important to note that Isaac Bartel and Nick Kunz were selected as Individual NWCA Scholar All-Americans for 2019-20. In order to be selected individually, students have to participate at the NAIA National Championships and have a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA, but if they competed and were an All-American at NAIA Nationals, they must have over a 3.25 cumulative GPA.

Read more…
NNN Introduces the First Three Student Excellence Awards Recipients

The Student Excellence Award is the highest honor that a student can receive at MSU-Northern. This year’s recipients are: Erika Anderson, Kishey Baker, Brittany Garden, Adam Huse, Cody Murphy, Rilee Peterson, Ryan Roche, Petra Sellin, and Amos Taiswa. Starting this week we are going use the Northern Network News to honor three students each week for the next three weeks.

**Erika Anderson** is a junior pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Operation Technology and an Associate of Science in Diesel Technology with plans to eventually work in the agriculture industry. She has served in a variety of leadership roles on campus including: student ambassador, Collegiate Stockgrowers, where she is currently the Vice President, and Professional Agriculture Students (PAS), where she currently serves as the IOC Representative and previously served as the Vice President and President. Erika has a 3.83 GPA and has been the recipient of numerous scholarships, including the MSU Northern Chancellor Waiver and the MSU- Northern Gold Merit Waiver. She plans to gain experience in agronomy, conservation, or livestock management before pursuing graduate school in agriculture education or a livestock specialty. Passionate about agriculture and MSU-Northern, Erika’s end goal is to return to MSUN as a faculty member.

**Kishey Baker** graduated in 2006 from MSU-Northern with departmental distinction in elementary education and is currently a graduate student in the counselor education program with a 3.8 GPA. Kishey’s priority has been working toward earning a Master of School Counseling and taking care of her family, but she has been actively sharing her culture with faculty, staff, fellow students, and the community. She was raised with her native language and has brought indigenous ways of knowing to the community through her volunteer work with the Little River Institute and by serving as a mentor to children in her home community’s schools. Following graduation next spring, Kishey plans to work as a counselor with a school district, a mental health behavior clinic, or agency working to help individuals seeking support or counseling for mental health wellness, while earning hours towards her LCPC license.
Brittany Garden will graduate this spring with a 3.39 GPA and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a minor in psychology. She has successfully managed to work full time while maintaining full time status as a student. Brittany is an inducted member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, an active member of MSUN’s chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), has volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club, and was accepted to attend the NEW Montana Leadership Program at the University of Montana this June. Brittany plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's in English, with a goal of teaching at the community college level.

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**Thirty-one Students Inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success**

On April 14, 2020, 31 MSUN-Northern students were inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS). The NSLS is the nation’s largest leadership honor society. Students are invited to be members of this honor society based on academic standing or leadership potential. MSU-Northern is one of only three schools in Montana who are part of this outstanding honor society.

Candidacy is a nationally recognized achievement of honorable distinction. In addition to honorable distinction, the NSLS provides a step-by-step program for members to build their leadership skills through participation on their campus or online. Upon completion of the program, members receive their leadership certificate and take their place among the top student leaders at their campus and across the country. Members are able to list their affiliation on all statements of personal accomplishment, including their resume.

Membership is for life and provides access to benefits including scholarships and awards, exclusive on-campus events, employer recruitment through an online job bank, and discounts on computers, textbooks, graduate school prep courses, insurance and much more.

MSU-Northern Acknowledges 180 Scholarship Recipients
MSU-Northern wants to congratulate all of our 2020-2021 scholarship recipients! The Northern Alumni Foundation and donors gave out 244 scholarships to 180 individual recipients. Overall, the scholarships given totaled $224,136. Congratulations, you make Northern proud.

Important Announcement...

Last Day to Drop with a “W”
Monday, April 20, is your last day to drop 2nd-half semester classes with a "W"

Why should a person take the time to withdraw from a class when they can just walk away? If you are failing a course it is best to withdraw from a course. A withdraw or “W” means you withdrew from a class. One of the benefits of a ‘W’ is that it will not be calculated into your GPA. It simply shows up on your transcript as a “W”. In many cases a “W” will not adversely affect your Financial Aid eligibility. If you fail a course, it could negatively affect your financial aid.
Go the Social Distance…

Don’t Drop the Ball

MSU-Northern’s Skylights volleyball team made this video to encourage everyone to stay safe and “Don’t Drop the Ball.”

PREMIERE EVENT: MSUN's International Poetry Reading 2020

Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

To attend the Premiere:
1. Install the TwoSeven extension in Chrome or Firefox
2. Create a FREE account
3. An email with the link to the PREMIERE event will be sent to the campus community early next week
4. Log in by 7:00 p.m. on the 22nd and view the PREMIERE in real time with your MSUN family!

If you are unable to attend the Premiere: the show will also be available at (YouTube Channel) after the premiere for on-demand viewing.

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**Learn How to Cook Spaghetti with Chef Becky**

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**Show me Something Northern...**

Debbie Vandeberg is staying safe in Havre Montana!
MSU-Northern developed a COVID-19 website to keep the MSU-Northern family informed and safe. [Access here…](#)

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**MSU-Northern Black-out Bingo**

With Tammy Boles

There is still time to download and play Black-out Bingo. All you have to do is do every activity on one or both of the cards. When you have completed an activity, simply cross out that particular box. Once you have successfully blacked out all the spaces simply take a picture and send it to me at [tammy.boles@msun.edu](mailto:tammy.boles@msun.edu) for a chance to win a $250 gift card for books at the Northern Bookstore for fall semester.

You have until April 30 to get your card submitted. The drawing will be on May 1 and posted to our social media accounts, as well as, a direct notification to the winner.

[Download Card #1 Here…](#)

[Download Card #2 Here…](#)