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New Column! Northern Appreciation SpotLIGHT



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I am excited to introduce a new column for the NNN this semester. In place of the once a year annual staff appreciation luncheon, each week the Chancellor will go around campus and thank specific departments. He will be giving those departments some goodies as his way of showing his appreciation and saying thank you for all of the work they do to make MSU-Northern the place we love and cherish. Each

“Thank You” will be featured in this column in the NNN.

To start this column out, we are spotlighting the first floor of Cowan Hall. This part of campus is home to Information Technology Systems (ITS), the Office of Teaching and Learning Excellence (OTLE), Continuing Education, Motorcycle Training, and The Dean of Students.

These departments include the following people:

ITS – Marianne Hoppe, Kevin Mielke, Kyle Mielke, Brendan Bachmeier, Gary Garland, Jesse Lee, Dave Martens

OTLE – Lindsey Brandt-Bennett, Brittany Garden, Jason Geer

Continuing Education & Motorcycle Training – Sandy Jappe, Susan Peterson, Jim Morrow

Dean of Students - Corey Kopp

These people keep our computer labs working, help our instructors use the latest teaching techniques, make it possible for you to have on-line classes at home, train the entire state to ride motorcycles safely, and oversee student life on campus. Thank you for being all “N”, you make Northern Proud!

Spring 2022 Career Fair Helps Open Doors for Students



The MSU–Northern Spring 2022 Career Fair was held in the MSU-Northern Armory Gymnasium Thursday morning (Feb. 3). Thirty companies from all over converged on MSU-Northern with the hope of hiring one of our students. The Career Fair was open to all currently enrolled MSU-Northern students and alumni seeking various job opportunities. Many students visited with employers about full-time, part-time jobs, or potential internships.

This year's Gold Sponsors were RDO Equipment Co & Westmoreland Mining, LLC

The Maroon Sponsors were Frontline Ag Solutions, Independence Bank, and Plains Ag LLC.

Employers Meet Administrators at Wine'd Up



On Wednesday night (Feb. 2), the employers who participated in the Career Fair had the opportunity to enjoy a special social event known as Wine'd Up. This event gave the employers a chance to relax and meet with key administrators from all three of MSU-Northern's colleges and learn about MSU-Northern's programs. This social event happens on the night before the Career Fair and has been a part of MSU-Northern's Career Fairs for several years.

Welding Certifications Expands MSU-Northern's Welding Program



MSU-Northern welding instructor, Chuck Terry, recently completed the requirements and received official notification that he is a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) and a Certified Welding Educator (CWE).

“This means that I can test our students and qualify our students in welding. It gives a lot of accreditation to MSU-Northern’s welding program, and it gives me the ability to travel to other colleges and universities to test their students and do qualification tests,” said Chuck Terry.

To get this certification, Chuck had to complete three very difficult tests. The first test was a fundamentals test. He had two hours to answer 165 questions on welding fundamentals and theory. The second part or B part of the test was a two-hour hands on and understanding test with 51 questions. The last test was a two-hour test on welding codes and regulations. The part A and C parts of the testing were done in Billings and the B part was done in Texas. These are very difficult tests and only about 22-30% pass these tests on their first try.

Terry’s certifications allows MSU-Northern to be an AWS SENSE school. Which means our students will now have the opportunity to get an AWS SENSE certificate card, which is one of the first steps in a student becoming a fully AWS certified welder.

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Susan Brurud Receives 2021-2022 George M. Dennison Scholarship

Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) recently announced the thirteen recipients of the 2021-22 George M. Dennison Scholarship Award. MSU-Northern's Community Leadership student, Susan Brurud, is one of the students selected.

"My vision is to see all youth educated in community organization, policy work, and civic engagement that will help shape them into future leaders who are engaged, confident, and informed. I would like to see a school curriculum that starts in grade school and empowers youth to lead and gives them the opportunity to serve their community, regardless of age, sex, race, or socio-economic indicators," said Susan Brurud.

All of our civically-engaged college student applicants represent George M. Dennison's vision of building strong, equitable, and just communities through volunteerism, civic engagement, and service. Each student's application spoke to an impressive range of service activities to address unmet needs within their communities. Congratulations Susan, you make Northern Proud!

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Spring Shared a 4-Step Assertive Communication Technique



This past Wednesday (Feb. 2), Amber Spring started the first "Wellness Wednesday" of the semester by sharing a 4-step assertive communication

technique. These steps can be used in an infinite number of ways with customer service staff, supervisors, supervisees, co-workers, students, classmates, friends, lovers, children, parents etc... to assist you in getting your desired outcome. Because good communication is all about WHAT you say and HOW you communicate to express your thoughts and feelings!

Spamalot Provides a Fun Night Out



If you are looking for a chance to laugh again, then MAT's production of Spamalot is for you. It features the situational comedy, one-liners and puns that Monty Python is known for. The show will be running for the next two weekends (Feb. 3-5, Feb. 10-12).

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy Monty Python and the Holy Grail, MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, and features a bevy of beautiful showgirls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people. Did we mention the bevy of beautiful showgirls? The 2005 Broadway production won three Tony® Awards, including Best Musical, and was followed by two successful West End runs. The outrageous, uproarious, and gloriously entertaining story of King Arthur and the Lady of the Lake will delight audiences as they search for the Holy Grail and "always look on the bright side of life." It is not intended for

[For Tickets...](#)



Marvin Williams Joins Admissions Staff

Please welcome Marvin Williams Jr. to MSU-Northern's Admissions staff! Marvin is an Admissions Specialist who started his first day, TODAY! Marvin is a former student and a former athlete here at Northern. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Integrated Health Sciences and was part of the football team from 2017-2021. He is eager to get on the road and talk to prospective students about Northern and all we have to offer. His office is Cowan Hall 213A, extension 3558!

Welcome to the team, Marvin!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship Application Deadline - Feb 4

To learn what types of aid are available, how to apply for financial aid and gain access to the scholarship application forms.

[Click here...](#)

Important COVID Links:

[Click here for Hill County Health Department COVID Updates](#)

[Click here for Center for Disease Control COVID information](#)

[Click here for Center for Disease Control flu information](#)

[Click here for Northern Montana Health Care Flu Clinic information](#)

Important Deadlines

February 21st (Monday)	Presidents Day Holiday (no classes, offices closed)
March 7th (Monday)	Midterm grades due to Registrar's Office by Noon
March 14th-18th	Spring Break Week (No classes, offices open)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Month-long Observances:

American Heart Month
Black History Month

Special Observances

February 1 – National Freedom Day
February 1 — Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
February 4 — Rosa Parks Day
February 8 — Safer Internet Day
February 14 – Valentine’s Day
February 15 – Nirvana Day (Buddhist)
February 15 – International Childhood Cancer Day
February 20 – World Day of Social Justice

Journaling 101 with Chase Short – Feb. 9

Come to the Library next Wednesday (Feb. 9), from 11-1, and hear how Chase Short, a Northern student athlete, uses journaling to help him reflect and grow as a student athlete and as a person.

Journaling is a personal experience and there are an infinite ways to utilize journaling as a wellness practice.

Chase will share the evolution of his process and how it has helped him get to where he is today. For those wanting to try journaling, resources on how to get started will be provided.

For those already practicing, we will explore ways to grow your practice.

Chase is an NAIA All-American wrestler and in his last semester in elementary education and our first student facilitator! Stop in next week and support him.



Alumni Auction – Mar. 4

Join us on Friday, March 4th, for a night of fun and fundraising! The Auction is back! More details are coming soon, but for now know that your favorite event of the year is scheduled for this March! This event will have a capped headcount!! Reserve your tickets today before they’re gone.

Ticket and table purchases are non-refundable. You must be 18 years old or older to attend the Auction.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Doors open at 5pm, and the Auction starts at 6pm. Your ticket guarantees your seat, and you will enjoy a catered appetizer bar by MSU-Northern Dining Services. Buy your tickets using the form below.

Reserved tables are also available for \$500. They seat eight guests, you get a prime position in front of the stage, and your first drink is free! To reserve a table, call (406) 265-3711.

Interested in donating to the Auction? The Auction is a huge success because of the generous support of businesses and individuals all across the Hi-Line who donate gift cards, specialty items, baskets, cash, or experiences! If you're interested in becoming one of our AWESOME supporters, contact the Foundation today!

Volunteers Wanted! Do you want to attend the Auction for FREE and get involved with a fun organization? Volunteer with us to help run the Auction! Contact us to get started.

**Notice: The Alumni Auction is subject to campus policies and procedures, these will dictate COVID protocols.

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