MSU-Northern Student Support Services

Learn about the Student Support Services office at MSU-Northern.
American Indian Heritage Day was celebrated last Friday (Sept. 23). The day provides an opportunity for the state of Montana to celebrate, learn, and share Native American traditions, cultures, and backgrounds. At MSU-Northern, the Sweet Grass Society celebrated the event by raising two Tipi’s on the campus lawn. Tom Champagne (Aaniiih and Cree), helped the club raise the Tipi’s last Friday night. They will also be conducting some native dances and a Counting Coupe concert this Saturday afternoon (Oct 1), just south of the clock tower at 3:00 pm. Come and enjoy the music and the dancing.

Death by Chocolate Packs the Place
MAT hosted its annual Death by Chocolate fundraiser for the 13th time last Saturday to outstanding success. Over 300 people came dressed-up in an 80’s theme that enjoyed neon colors and wild hairdos. The evening highlighted a Battle of the Bands between the 1980s Hair Bands of Pat Benatar, Guns and Roses, Metallica, Poison, Bon Jovi, and Motley Crue. Pat Benatar took home the bragging rights as the best band of the evening. Short skits introduced the shows for this next season. Each show was auctioned off to the highest bidder. This year the top show was SpongeBob the Musical produced by Joyce Mcphande Finn and Charles Finn. MAT is continually humbled by the generous support of this fantastic community as they were able to raise over $115K to produce the shows for this next year. With the help of Superintendent Mueller they were able to raise $23,000 to establish an after-school arts education program for grades 6-12.

[Click here for show tickets...]

Students Participate in Alcohol Awareness

On Monday (Sept. 26), Sgt. Justin Gomke, Havre Police Department, Patrolman Richard Balas, of the Chinook Police Department, and Debbie Gomke of the Blaine County DUI Task Force, were on hand to demonstrate how difficult it is for an intoxicated person to navigate a simple course. Students used a pedal kart and some intoxication simulation goggles to drive a simple course. Students used the same glasses to try to walk a straight line on the tarmac. Blaine County DUI Task Force purchased this cart this summer for making these presentations across the Hi-Line. They have
only done a couple of these events but are looking forward to doing more. Northern had about 14 students participate in the event, which proved to be very informative and “fun.”

**Lights Golf Takes Third at the Carroll College Saints Invitational**

The MSU-Northern Lights and Skylights golf team competed at the Carroll College Saints Invitational. After the tournament, ShaAnn Danelson led the Skylights coming in 27 place with a score of 196. Savannah Toms finished in 28 place with a score of 218.

After the final rounds, the Lights finished in third place with a score of 955. TJ Reynolds scored a 234 tying for 19 place. Gerit Johnson moved to 20 place with a score of 239. Theron Peterson was right behind him with a scored 241. Micaiah Hauser hit a 247, as Kyler Cassel hit a 254.

[Read more...]
MSU-Northern Hosts NIRA Big Sky Region Rodeo

Last weekend (Sept. 23-24), MSU-Northern hosted their annual rodeo to sold-out crowds on Friday and Saturday nights. Eight college teams competed in this year’s rodeo. Northern has hosted this rodeo for over 20 years. The MSU-Northern women's team finished third & the men's team finished fourth. Our rodeo team will compete in five rodeos in the fall & five rodeos in the spring. This is the largest team (29 members) that MSU-Northern has had since Doug and Emily Kallenberger took over the coaching responsibilities nine years ago.

MSU-Northern is part of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Big Sky Region that consists of the following schools: Montana State University-Northern, Montana State University, Dawson Community College, Miles City Community College, Northwest Community College, University of Montana, University of Montana Western, and Carroll College. Our men's team is currently ranked fourth with 1,070 points and our women's team is currently ranked second with 894 points. The event will be replayed on the Cowboy Channel on Demand.
This past week (Sept 28-30), Leadership Montana held its 2022 Leadership Confluence, its signature event, in Havre and Rocky Boy featuring speakers and panels for its graduates and alumni. Chancellor Kegel was honored to welcome the group and gave them a tour of our campus and shared some of his vision for Northern’s future.

Leadership Montana Board of Governors Chair, Debbie Vandeberg, said this event will celebrate 20 years of leadership education for Montana youth and will give those that are part of the program an opportunity to learn more about Havre, Rocky Boy, and their partnerships.

Leadership Montana exists to develop leaders committed to building a better Montana through knowledge, collaboration, and civility.

At the heart of their work is their flagship program, an eight-month educational experience offering participants a unique opportunity to develop strong leadership skills along with personal and professional growth.

Every month from September to April, their class of about 40 participants meets in a new Montana community to gain a deeper awareness of issues affecting our state, build powerful connections with their classmates, and connect with a network of committed alumni who live and work throughout Montana.

[Read more...]
The Little River Institute (LRI) had an open house yesterday afternoon (Sept. 29) so people could meet the LRI staff and better understand the services and resources available to our students!

In 2015, Montana State University-Northern’s Extended University was awarded a five-year, $1.9 million grant through the Native American Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI) Program of the U.S. Department of Education. As part of this grant, the Little River Institute was created to serve as a center of tutoring, mentoring, and support for American Indian students at MSU-Northern, as well as a source of culturally responsive professional development for MSU-Northern faculty and staff.

Learn more...
Four Faculty Celebrate their Tenure or Promotion Awards

Chancellor Greg Kegel and Provost Neil Moisey hosted a dinner at the Chancellor’s house this past Thursday night (Sept. 29) to celebrate and honor four faculty members who received their tenure or promotion. Tenure does not mean that a professor has worked at a school for ten years. Rather, it refers to an educator’s employment status within a higher education institution. When a professor has gained tenure, he or she can only be terminated for a justifiable cause or under extreme circumstances, such as program discontinuation or severe financial restraints. Those receiving tenure were Samantha Balemba-Brownlee, Jack Bieger, and Kasthuri Udayakumar. Kevin Holzworth (not pictured) was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Automotive Technology. Congratulations faculty you make Northern proud!
Kiewit Hosts First Info Session of the Year

MSU-Northern alumni, Connor Schnicke and Jacob Shipp, were on campus this week to help recruit potential employees for Kiewit. Northern had two students take a co-op with Kiewit this summer. Mason Peterson and Field Soosloff, both are auto majors and both worked as equipment engineer interns. Kiewit will also be at the upcoming Career Fair (Oct. 12). Kiewit is one of North America’s largest and most respected engineering and construction organizations. Kiewit’s commitment to safety, quality, and environmental stewardship are ingrained into everything they do.

Independence Banks Shows Their MSU-Northern School Spirit
This year Independence Bank donated $4,598.50 to the Northern Alumni Foundation through their School Spirit Debit Card program. Independence Bank offers a Northern Alumni Foundation debit card to their checking account holders. For each transaction the cardholder makes with their Northern debit card, Independence Bank donates 5¢ to the Northern Alumni Foundation. They are proud supporters of MSU-Northern and this is just one way they show their school spirit! This donation represents one year (Sept. 21 to Sept. 22) of transactions. For more information on their School Spirit Debit Card program, please visit your local IB branch or find them online at ibyourbank.com. Pictured left to right: Kaylee Nystrom (‘22), Alec Breding (‘22), Al Garver, Executive Director of the Northern Alumni Foundation, Eric Sinclair Tibbetts (‘17), and Denise Ladenberg (‘84).

Nursing Students Enjoy Weekly Recruiting Visits

This year our nursing students will have several opportunities to meet with health care professionals from all over the state. Most of the visits will be on Wednesdays over lunch—most will be in person but some will be online. This week they met with Katie Kimberling from Northern Montana Health Care. If you are a nursing student you will want to plan to attend as many of these sessions as possible. Below is the schedule for this semester:

- 9/28 Wed. NMHC in person
- 10/12 Wed. MT Dept. of Corrections in person
- 10/19 Wed. Livingston HealthCare online
- 10/26 Wed. PeaceHealth online
- 11/2 Wed. NE MT STAT Air Ambulance in person
- 11/9 Wed. Montana Hospital Association in person
- 11/16 Wed. Billings Clinic online
Northern Cross Country Competes Against Providence

The Skylights competed against University of Providence. Northern had a team score of 1:08:33.23. Sophomore Brooke Holland led the Skylights as she crossed the finish line in fourth place with a time of 24:27.98. Tamera O'Leary crossed the line in seventh place with a time of 25:36.00. Mattiah Murillo took eighth with a time of 34:20.61.

The Lights competed against University of Providence. Northern had a team score of 2:44:47.36. Field Soosloff led the Lights running at 29:13.28. Taking second place, Jaden Koon with a time of 30:42:53. August SpottedWolf passed the finish line with a time of 33:03:32 in sixth place. Eddia Harmon crossed in ninth place with a time of 35:44:57. Bridger Beach came in right behind him with a time of 36:06.65. Right behind Beach, was Ethan Durward who ran at a time of 36:32.76.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Day to Drop a Class with a "W" – Nov. 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Supporting Those Who are Coming Out – Sept. 30
Join us on Friday, September 30th from 12-1pm in the Office of Diversity to hear Shane Sangrey speak on how to support those who are coming out. There are limited seats, so please come early!

Counting Coup in Concert – Oct. 1

Join us for an afternoon of celebration of indigenous culture with dancing, drums, singers, and the Billings band Counting Coup (https://countingcoup.net). Everything starts at 3:00 PM in the Cowan Hall Courtyard just south of the clock tower.
Thank you to our Sponsors:
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MSU-Northern Career Center would like to remind students and alumni to attend the Fall 2022 Career Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 12 in the Armory Gymnasium between 9 am – 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to network with potential employers, learn about job opportunities in your area and share your resume.

How to prepare and what to expect:
- Log into your Career Express account today to review which employers are attending and their plans for interviews after the Fair.
- Use Career Express to research companies and their open positions.
- Come to the fair with your questions. Employers are eager to connect with you.
- Have your resume polished up and ready to hand out.
- Some companies will be interviewing after the Career Fair. Sign up ahead of time on Career Express or directly with employers at the Career Fair.
- Dress appropriately – particularly if you plan to interview with a company after the Fair. Make your first impression a good one!
- Remember, many of these companies have traveled a long way to be here in Havre and they are eager to visit with you. Please take the time to stop by each table.
TekNoXpo and ShowCASE – Oct. 13
TekNoXpo & ShowCASE are a series of short training sessions designed to introduce high school students to all that MSU-Northern has to offer in academics, ranging from graphic design projects, to diesel equipment operation, to working with simulated humans in the nursing lab, this event is very hands-on!

Click here to register...

2022-2023 Montana Actors Theatre Season
- October - Murder on the Orient Express
- November - 24 Hour Playfest
- December - The Play That Goes Wrong
- January - The Concert That Never Was
- February - Misery
- March - Spongebob the Musical
- April - August: Osage County
- June - Twelfth Night/Ren Fest

NEXT WEEK’S CALENDAR

Today, Friday, September 30
National Coming Out Day – 12: PM
QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training- 2:00 - 4:00 PM – SUB Conference Rm
Friday Night Lights Ping Pong Tournament 8:00 PM – Lights Lounge

Saturday, October 1
MSUN Rodeo @ UM-Western
SkyLights Volleyball @ UM Western - 12:00 PM
Lights Football @ Montana Tech - 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 2
Diversity Film & Dialogue – 7:00 PM – SUB

Monday, October 3
HOMECOMING ROYALTY ELECTIONS OPEN - 8:00am - Online
MSUN Golf @ Battlin' Bears Invite
Social Media Mixer in the Lights Lounge at 7pm w/corn hole
Lighting of the N (outside Donaldson) at 8pm.
**Tuesday, October 4**
MSUN Golf @ Battlin' Bears Invite
Glow Run - 8pm at the SUB w/glow tag after

**Wednesday, October 5**
ASMSUN CLUB FAIR - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - SUB Ballroom
PAINT THE HELLO WALK - 4:00 pm - Hello Walk
GLOW IN THE DARK SPIKEBALL - 7:00 pm, meet in front of the SUB
Trivia Night - 8pm - Lights Lounge

**Thursday, October 6**
Kickball Tournament – 6 pm n the SUB Lawn
Glow dance w/live music – 7 pm in Lights Lounge (after kickball)
LIVE MUSIC IN THE LOUNGE - 8:00 pm - Lights Lounge

**Friday, October 7**
MSUN Cross Country @ Montana Tech
Friday Night Lights Karaoke – 8 pm - Lights Lounge.
SkyLights Volleyball vs Carroll College- 7:00 PM - Gym

**Saturday, October 8 Homecoming**
Lights Football vs Carroll College - 1:00 PM – Tilleman Field
  - “Lights Out” wear black or lights out T-shirt
SkyLights Volleyball vs Montana Tech - 6:00 PM - Gym
Western Dance Night - 8:00 pm - Lights Lounge

**Sunday, October 9**
Field day - 2:00 pm - meet at SUB
  - Join us for a variety of field competitions and earn points for your hall.
One Northern sport that probably does not get the attention it deserves is the Northern Rodeo team! The Head Coach is 2017 Northern Athletic Hall of Famer, Doug Kallenberger. Coach Kallenberger is in his 9th season as the Head Coach. Did you know that Coach Kallenberger was elected Big Sky Region Coach of the Year in 2022 and was a finalist for National Coach of the Year in 2022! Another key part of the Northern Rodeo staff is Northern Alumni, Emily Kallenberger.

This past weekend at the MSU-Northern rodeo, Northern’s teams had a very nice showing. The women’s team took 3rd, while the men’s team took 4th. After the first four rodeos of the year, the Northern student/athletes are more than holding their own. Here are the rankings:

**Big Sky Team Rankings (September 26, 2022)**
- Northern’s Women’s Team 2nd place
- Northern’s Men’s Team 4th place

**Big Sky Region Individual Rankings (September 26, 2022)**
- Saddle Bronc .................Garrett Tyler Cunningham .........2nd
- Bareback Riding.................Ethan Leonard Frasier.................3rd
• Tie down Roping.................Hunter Jay Henderson...............13th
• Steer Wrestling....................Chance Lloyd Story...............12th
• Team Roping Header.............Hance Indian Three Irons...........7th
  Chance Lloyd Story..............11th
• Team Roping Heeler .............Lincoln Gregory Yarama..........5th
• Rope Tying.........................Three Irons..........................7th
  Jill Catherine Marcenko..........9th
  Gavin Scott McLean..............11th
• Barrel racing .....................Brittney Bo Cox....................1st
• Breakaway Roping.................Taylissa Jayde Lytle.............8th
  Georgia Francis Orahood.........8th
  Jill Catherine Marcinko.........13th
• Goat Tying..........................Mikenna Raye Schauer..........9th
  Georgia Francis Orahood.........12th

National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Team Rankings
(September 26, 2022)
• Northern’s Women’s Team 3rd place
• Northern’s Men’s Team 9th place

National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Individual Team Rankings (September 26, 2022)
• Saddle Bronc Riding............Garrett Tyler Cunningham..........3rd
• Bareback Riding................Ethan Leonard Frasier...............12th
• Team Roping Heeler..............Lincoln Gregory Yarama..........17th
• Barrel Racing.....................Brittney Bo Cox....................1st

Click here to see the current team roster...

Click here to see the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association...

Good luck this year to both teams and check back later in the year for more results!