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## Northern Network News

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### **Last NNN of the Semester**

Another school year is coming to an end, so this will be the last issue of the Northern Network News for the 2022-23 academic year. I want to express special thanks to everyone who contributed information, articles, and photos to the NNN. I especially want to acknowledge contributors Bill Lanier, Colton Tash, Shawn Huse, Emilee Luke, Tammy Boles, Amber Spring, and Sierra Woodward. Finally, I want to thank Marianne Hoppe for working diligently on the NNN archives, and helping to make sure that the stories are working correctly on our website. Have a great summer break. The Northern Network News will return in the fall.

- Jim Potter, Director of University Relations and Editor of NNN

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## Dr. Mary Pappas Cuts the Ribbon to the Nursing Simulation Lab



On Thursday (April 27), the ribbon was cut on the Dr. Mary Pappas Simulation Lab. The lab is named in honor of Dr. Mary Pappas who was a long-time nursing professor and administrator at MSU-Northern. This ribbon cutting was originally scheduled for late April of 2020 but was cancelled because of the Covid-19 shutdown. Dr. Jaime Duke presented Dr. Mary Pappas with a plaque and Dr. Pappas cut the ribbon to the simulation lab. This nursing simulation lab is set up similar to what the students might encounter in the clinical setting through the computer controlled manikin simulators that the students practice their clinical judgment skills on to improve their practice.

Dr. Pappas served as a tenured Professor in the Department of Nursing and worked in various roles during her career, which included faculty, director, and RN to BSN program chair. She was instrumental in assisting the Department of Nursing in receiving national accreditation in 2005, and was a key member of the accreditation process in 2015. Dr. Pappas was integral in the development and planning of the RN to BSN program at MSU-Northern in 1987-88, and later helped to move that program online with a grant from ECollege. Dr. Pappas most recently participated in developing the new statewide curriculum that started in 2017, and is currently being utilized.

Dr. Pappas has been a nurse for over 40 years, which is an accomplishment in and of itself. Nursing is built on the premise of helping people, in which she brought her knowledge and love of nursing to students and faculty here at MSU-Northern. She became an example of ongoing educational pursuit and scholarship by pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing as a nurse practitioner, and then her Doctorate in Education. Most recently, in 2015, she completed requirements as a Certified Nurse Educator per the National League of Nursing. She has mentored several faculty and leaders in their roles at MSU-Northern and continues to support the Department of Nursing in her retirement.

## Northern Spotlight on the English Department



At the heart of Northern's English department are two very enthusiastic instructors and published writers: Dr. Gwen Hart and Dr. Valerie Guyant. They work hard to inspire Northern students by integrating the essentials of the English language, historical and contemporary literature, and popular culture in their courses.

Asst. Prof of English Gwen Hart has been awarded a Strategic Investment Grant of \$1000 to attend the Northwoods Writers Conference in Bemidji, MN, in June, 2023, and work with poet and Poetry Northwest editor Keetje Kuipers.

Gwen Hart is also launching a new online literary journal, Bear Paw Arts Journal, which will begin accepting submissions in May. The first issue will debut in Fall 2023. Students interested in writing, editing and graphic design will assist with this project. Dr. Hart was recently featured in a Northern Spotlight and has written several award-winning poetry books.

Dr. Guyant has recently published essays in two different books. The first is an article called "Middle Ground: The Twilight Zone and Social Criticism." It looks at the various remakes of *The Twilight Zone* over the decades and examines how the show reflects the societal zeitgeist of any given time it was remade. Dr. Guyant's essay looked at the ways in which the *Twilight Zone* reflects society and propels changes in how people fear things in certain circumstances. Therefore, according to Dr. Guyant, the show's various incarnations represent what we fear, while also feeding into our fears.

Her second essay is in a collection of essays entitled *Adaptation Before Cinema*. Dr. Guyant's essay is called "Shakespeare's Adaptation of the Faith and a Shrewd and Knaveish Sprite in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'." In this article, Dr. Guyant looks at the ways in which Shakespeare likely used existing fairy tales about Oberon, Titania, and Puck and merged them in ways that his audience would have recognized them. She argues that Shakespeare's work, at the time, was much like how modern audiences understand and recognize pop-culture references from various media in recent memory.

In addition to their creative and scholarly endeavors, the English department will be rolling out several engaging courses this Fall:

WRIT 218 Journalism

WRIT 240 Creative Writing

WRIT 391 Writing for Stage and Screen

The journalism course will explore writing for print and online news sources.

The creative writing courses will help students learn about character, plot, and story development through creating film and theater scripts or short stories, and poetry.

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## Basketball Team Helps with Campus Clean Up



The Lights Basketball team took time out of their busy schedules to help clean up the campus after a long hard winter. Campus Day began in 1932. It is an MSU-Northern tradition to actively clean up the campus and make improvements after the long winter. In the 70's, Campus Day became known as Campus Improvement Day. Over the years the name has changed a bit, but the act of taking pride in our campus remains the same. This year the event was held over two days: Wednesday and Friday (April 26<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>). It's not too late to get involved! You can take a break from the end of semester work to enjoy the long-awaited spring weather, help beautify the campus, and contribute to a student club.

For every hour an MSU-Northern student, staff, or faculty member volunteers on Wednesday and Friday, \$10 will be donated to an MSUN Student Club or Organization of their choosing. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is located at the SUB Front Desk, so please drop by there to begin your volunteer work. The ASMSUN Sustainability Council Coordinator, Greg Rhines, will provide you with gloves and trash bags and assign you to an area on campus.

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## Health Sciences Advisory Board Provides Valuable Input



The MSU-Northern College of Health Sciences Advisory Board met yesterday (April 27<sup>th</sup>) before the ribbon cutting of the Dr. Mary Pappas Simulation Lab. This advisory board meets every other month during the academic year. They represent the community facilities across the state of Montana and provide valuable input on curriculum, as well as ideas for the nursing and integrated health science programs. The board helps keep MSU-Northern informed of what's happening at clinical facilities with regards to both programs. The board also informs students what the expectations upon them are as they graduate and move forward in their careers. Additionally, they inform Northern of any job opportunities or co-ops that may be available for students.

ASCEN accreditation requires that Northern's programs have community involvement. This advisory board represents our community input and helps fulfill our accreditation requirements.

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## Plumbing and Electrical Programs Go Head to Head in Softball



Yesterday (April 27<sup>th</sup>), the MSU-Northern plumbing and electrical programs had a barbeque and were finally able to take to the field and have a friendly game of softball. This game was originally scheduled for All N Day (April 12<sup>th</sup>), but was cancelled because the field was too wet to use. Therefore, when the field was finally available, the two programs decided to hold their much-anticipated game. The students used the game as an opportunity to prove they had some skills in a “field” other than plumbing or electrical. This year the plumbers enjoyed a bit of revenge, winning the game 12-6 in a turnaround from last year’s results when the electrical students won.

## Students Get Involved with De-Stress Fest



This past week the SUB Ballroom was set up with tables, chairs, and couches for students to relax and prepare for finals week. Each night featured a different activity to help them relax. Some of the activities included: painting, Yoga, messages, board games, video games and more.

## **AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY Opens Tonight**



Montana Actors Theatre is pleased to present *August: Osage County*. The play is about a vanished father. A pill-popping mother. Three sisters harboring shady little secrets. When the large Weston family unexpectedly reunites after Dad disappears, their Oklahoman family homestead explodes in a maelstrom of repressed truths and unsettling secrets. Mix in Violet, the drugged-up, scathingly acidic matriarch, and you've got a major play that unflinchingly—and uproariously—exposes the dark side of the Midwestern American family.

Ticket prices are, Adults \$15, Students/Seniors/Military \$10, MSUN Students free with valid ID

[Click here for tickets...](#)



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Student Symposium Adjacent to Commencement**

If you are a student who has a project that you want to display at the symposium or have photos or videos for the symposium slideshow then contact Valerie Guyant at [valerie.guyant@msun.edu](mailto:valerie.guyant@msun.edu) or Tony Gryffin at [tony.gryffin@msun.edu](mailto:tony.gryffin@msun.edu) by Monday, May 1. Setup for the event will take place Friday, May 5, at 4:00 pm inside the library breezeway.

### **Attention Graduating Class:**

Graduating students are to report to the basement of Cowan Hall **at 9:15 a.m.** to line up and proceed into commencement.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Finals Week – May 1-5**

[Click here to download Final Exam Schedule...](#)

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### **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow – April 28-29**

Montana State University-Northern's Sweetgrass Society will be hosting their 45th annual Powwow. Grand entry times will be 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

There are dance categories for males and females, golden age dancers, men's fancy, traditional and grass dances and women's jingle, fancy, and traditional dances. Junior boys and girls, teen boys and girls, and tiny tots also dance.

Admission is free of charge and you will be able to browse a selection of vendors while you enjoy the Powwow.

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## Nurses Pinning Ceremony – May 5

Come support the 2023 ASN Nursing class as they participate in their traditional pinning ceremony. The ceremony will take place at the Fifth Ave Christian Church at 2015 5th Ave., at 4 pm. Stacey Fast will deliver the charge and there will be a reception after the ceremony. The nurses' pinning is a historical one dating back to the 12th century! The pinning symbolizes the acknowledgment of those who are about to embark on the journey of nursing and the dedication that is required of those who chose this profession.



## Graduation and Student Symposium - May 6

Graduation is scheduled for **May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Armory Gymnasium**. Attention all required attendees: please meet in the basement of Cowan Hall **no later than 9:30 a.m.** to line up and process into commencement. There will be a Student Symposium adjacent to commencement in the Library breezeway.

## Industry Night – May 18

Are you interested in a career in the technical fields? From diesel, agriculture, business and much more, Industry Night is designed just for you! Bring your parents along with you to talk with industry professionals about career opportunities in the technical field. Learn how Industry and MSU-Northern work together to prepare you for your future and your career. Each event will have representatives from Modern Machinery, Tractor & Equipment Co, and RDO Equipment Co!

### **Additional Dates, Times, and Locations**

May 18th from 6 pm-8 pm, in Great Falls - hosted by Tractor & Equipment Co

[More information...](#)

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## **NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR**

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### **Friday, April 28**

- MSUN Rodeo @ University of Montana
- SOAR Event for New Students - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 45th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow - 7:00 PM

### **Saturday, April 29**

- MSUN Rodeo @ University of Montana
- 45th Annual Sweetgrass Society Powwow

### **Monday, May 01**

- Finals Week

### **Tuesday, May 02**

- Finals Week

### **Wednesday, May 03**

- Finals Week

### **Thursday, May 04**

- Finals Week

### **Friday, May 05**

- Finals Week
- Spring Semester Ends
- Nurses Pinning – Fifth Ave. Christian Church – 4:00 pm
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### **Saturday, May 06**

- Commencement - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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By: William Lanier

## (#394) MSU-Northern Rodeo

This past weekend the MSU-Northern Rodeo teams had a very successful weekend in Miles City in the two rodeos. The women's team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and the men placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>. the Lights were led by Garrett Cunningham who placed first in Saddle Bronc Riding in both rodeos and Ethan Frasier who placed second in Bareback Riding in both rodeos. Both Garrett and Ethan have qualified for this year's College

National Finals Rodeo,



To read about more about this past weekend's rodeo, please visit the Hi-Line today at

[MSU-N Men 1st at MCC rodeo – Hi-Line Today \(hilinetoday.com\)](http://hilinetoday.com)

Head Coach Doug Kallenberger stated, "The last time the Men's Team won a Team Championship was my first year coaching in the Fall of 2012." The September 28, 2012 Havre Daily News reported that Robert Wagner placed first in Saddle Bronc and that Charlie Mack placed first in the Bareback. Charlie Mack is currently a faculty member at MSU-Northern.

Below is the Havre Daily News article from September 28, 2012

**George Ferguson**

Havre Daily News sports editor  
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The Montana State University-Northern men's rodeo team had a big weekend in Miles City

Last weekend, the Lights captured the team championship at the annual Miles City Stampede college rodeo. The Lights scored 450 points to finish ahead of Northwest College and third-place Montana State University, and they got big individual performances as well.

Robert Wagner captured the saddle bronc title in Miles City with 139 points on two rides. Charlie Mack also came away with an event championship in the bareback riding with 133 points on two rides. Phillip Sutherland also won first place

in the first round in the steer wrestling, ended up sixth in the short round, and second in the steer wrestling average. Adam Mummau also placed sixth in saddle bronc in the long round, and ended up sixth in the saddle bronc riding average.

The men's team win, moves them up to fourth place in the Big Sky Regional standings. Robert Wagner leads the Big Sky region saddle bronc standings. Charlie Mack is second in the bareback standings, and fourth in the bull riding. Phillip Sutherland is fourth in the steer wrestling standings, and 12th in the saddle bronc standings. And Adam Mummau is 14th in the saddle bronc standings.

"This is a big accomplishment to see Northern win a team championship," new North-

ern head coach Doug Kallenberger said. "I'm very proud of my team and their work ethic, putting their nose to the grindstone, practicing, working as a team. We look to continue working hard and hope to continue our success. I know we have the talent."

The Lights and Skylights wrap up the fall Big Sky season at this weekend's UM-Western Rodeo in Dillon.

It should be noted that unlike all other sanctioned college athletics at Northern, Rodeo does not compete in the NAIA. In fact, all college rodeo teams compete in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA). Northern is in the Big Sky Region. In addition to MSU-Northern, the Big Sky Region contains MSU, UM, UM Western, Miles City Community College, Northwest College and Dawson Community College.

To see the current Big Sky Region Standings please go to: [2022-2023 Big Sky Region Standings - NIRA](#)

And to see the current National Standings please go to: [2022-2023 National Standings - NIRA](#)

Northern's Garrett Cunningham is currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Big Sky Region and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nation in Saddle Bronc Riding.

The Northern Rodeo team is led by Head Coach Doug Kallenberger and Assistant Coach Emily Kallenberger. Coach Doug Kallenberger was inducted to the Northern Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017 and recently received a Golden "N" Award from the Northern Students at their 2023 awards and scholarship convocation. Here is a link to Coach Doug Kallenberger's Hall of Fame biography: [Doug Kallenberger \(2017\) - Hall of Fame - MSU-Northern Athletics](#)

Congratulations to Coach Doug Kallenberger, Coach Emily Kallenberger and the entire Northern Rodeo Team for a great year and looking forward to this year's CNFR!

If you or you know of a fellow Northern Alum that should be featured or an interesting Northern TidBit, please send me an e-mail at [wjlanier1963@yahoo.com](mailto:wjlanier1963@yahoo.com)

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